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NEW ENGLAND HAS A HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Rutland, Rockland, Suncook, Woonsocket and Other Towns Have Disastrous Fires Sunday, the Coldest Day of Year

New England was hard hit by several disastrous fires on Sunday, the coldest day of the year. The loss at the various towns and cities was Rutland, Vt., $125,000; Rockland, Me., $79,000; Pepperell, Mass., $60,000; North Troy, Vt., $50,000; Suncook, N. H., $20,000; Woonsocket, R. I., $12,000; Tyngsboro, Mass., $9,000.

Suncook, Dec. 31.—The Opera Block, containing the only large public hall in town and several places of business, owned by Joseph Sansterne, was Sunday destroyed by fire which originated in the basement of a saloon kept by A. J. Petrion. The loss is estimated at $20,000.

Sparks set thelower on the Webster mills afire and help was asked of outside cities. The tower fire was extinguished before great damage was done.

The Suncook Club, Moses Strickford, confectionery store; Joseph Desroches, lunch room, and Slater & Patrin, bowling alleys, were other occupants of the building.

The Pembroke and Allenstown Fire Departments, aided by the fire apparatus from the mills, fought the flames in a temperature of 25 degrees below zero.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 31.—The section of Main street known as "the Brook" was swept by a $79,000 fire Sunday morning. Five business blocks were destroyed and six families were made homeless. The origin of the blaze is unknown. All buildings on the western side of Main street from Masonic block to Limerick street and two blocks on Limerick street were burned.

A general conflagration was prevented by aid given by 84 men from the Naval training station and the coast patrol boats. The snow and ice on all of the wooden roofs in that thickly settled locality also averted damage by flying embers.

Thermometers in the vicinity of the fire registered 23 degrees below zero, and there was a piercing northeast wind off the water.

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 31.—The Bardwell Hotel, a brick and wooden structure, was gutted by fire Sunday morning, probably originating from an overheated chimney, and 30 or more guests and about 50 employes were turned out of bed into the street in scanty attire with the thermometer at 25 degrees below zero.

The loss, estimated by N. J. Nicklaw, at $125,000, is about half covered by insurance. The section at the corner of Merchants row and Washington street was destroyed.

The firemen were practically encased in ice as they climbed ladders and manned hose lines. D. E. Blanchard was severely injured by a fall from a ladder from the third to the second floor. He has a compound fracture of the left thigh, dislocation of the left knee and a fracture of the right leg between the knee and ankle. Asst. Engineer John P. Reedy sustained a badly crushed finger and his back was injured.

Night clerk Barnes shortly before 6 o'clock discovered smoke in a toilet room and aroused the guests.

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Y. M. C. A. GUTTED BY AN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Defective Chimney Believed to Have Been the Cause--Upper Floor Entirely Destroyed and Lower Floor Damaged By Smoke and Water--Net Loss $15,000

With the mercury 18 degrees below zero the Portsmouth fire department was called out at 6 o'clock Monday morning to fight a stubborn fire which had gained much headway when the firemen arrived at the Young Men's Christian Association building on Congress street. The fire was the largest in this city since the partial destruction of the Langdon house and adjoining Waldron block in November, 1915.

About 6.30 a. m. Asst. Secretary Edward Maby, who is on duty at the building nights, and occupies a chamber on the second floor, was awakened by the strong smell of smoke. Arising quickly, he rushed downstairs to the reception room where he saw that the wall to the right of the fireplace and a bookcase there were a mass of flames. He immediately telephoned to the chemical which responded at once. Finding that the fire had gained much headway, the firemen rang in a general alarm and the entire Portsmouth department responded with the exception of Engine 1.

Enlisted Men Save Much Property

In the meantime, Asst. Secretary Maby quickly aroused the inmates of the dormitories on the second floor among which were sailors from the U. S. S. Leonidas, Patuxent and a few marines. The navy men got right to work in fighting the flames and removing what furniture and bedding they could from the building. They succeeded in getting out most all the cot equipment on the third floor by throwing the same out of the windows into the yard in the rear.

Smoke Hindered Firemen

When the firemen arrived it was found that the fire was burning fiercely on the second floor in the rear of the air shaft. The dense smoke from the pine wood work of the building greatly hindered the men in their work, as it was almost impossible to see or to breath.

After fighting the stubborn blaze for over three hours, the firemen at last got it under control and the all out signal was sounded at 9.18 a. m.

Upper Floor Gutted

The building was practically gutted on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A. where there were many dormitories, a sleeping chamber used by Asst. Secretary Maby and a club room used by the Wonehasa club.

On the first floor the ceiling fell in and the woodwork and walls around the chimney and fireplace was burned. Damage to the office, reading and pool rooms, and auditorium was confined mostly to smoke and water.

Defective Chimney Cause

It is believed by firemen that a defective chimney was the cause. Although a fire was built in the fireplace Sunday evening, it was carefully put out as usual, before Asst. Secretary Maby retired for the night at 1 a. m.

Fire Spread Rapidly.

Immediately after calling the chemical, Asst. Secretary Maby notified District Secretary William M. Forgrave, who came at once and assisted the firemen in the work of saving the building and contents.

It is believed that if the fire had not been discovered until fifteen minutes later, everyone sleeping upstairs would have been trapped by the flames, because it was a raging furnace.

The fire spread rapidly on the upper floor, and soon completely gutted rooms C and B, the two dormitories at the northern end of the building. Then the flames passed over a room occupied by Assistant Secretary Maby, burning through the ceiling and spread to room A, at the southern end of the floor. About forty-two cots and bed clothing in these three rooms were destroyed, and some furniture in the middle chamber.

Office Records Saved.

On the lower floor the office, reading and pool rooms were badly damaged by smoke and water. The piano, a gift to the local Y. M. C. A. in 1901 from Mrs. Helen Gould Shepherd, was ruined by smoke and water. A Victrola and records were saved. Mr. Maby also rescued the cash register, records and other papers from the office.

The sailors also did great work and too much praise cannot be given them.

Firemen Served Hot Coffee.

Hot coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts were served the firemen by Geo. W. Downing, Sherman Newton, Ira Brown, Rowe & Voudy, and was greatly appreciated by the men, especially by the members of the W. J. Sampson Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Fight Blaze Three Ways

The firemen fought the fire from every angle possible. Engine 4 did not move out of its yard on Hanover street and pumped two streams from the reservoir in the engine house yard across Hanover street through house yards to the rear of the building. Three lines of hose were run through the main entrance up the stairway to the top floor and the same number were used on the roof from four hydrants and steamers on Congress street.

The building being so filled with smoke when the department arrived, the firemen had much difficulty in locating the exact location of the blaze in the interior. Once they got to the airshaft and fireplaces, every minute counted in their favor.

Will Take Knights of Columbus Rooms

The Knights of Columbus immediately got in touch with the officials of the Y. M. C. A. and extended the use of their home on Islington street for the continuance of the war work. District Secretary William M Forgrave said that the Association would accept the kind offer of the Knights of Columbus and would occupy the Knights quarters at once.

The first piece of apparatus to arrive was the Chemical, which was

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WILL RELIEVE COAL SHORTAGE IMMEDIATELY

Director General McAdoo Will Issue Orders to Give Fuel Shipments to New England Preference Over Everything Else

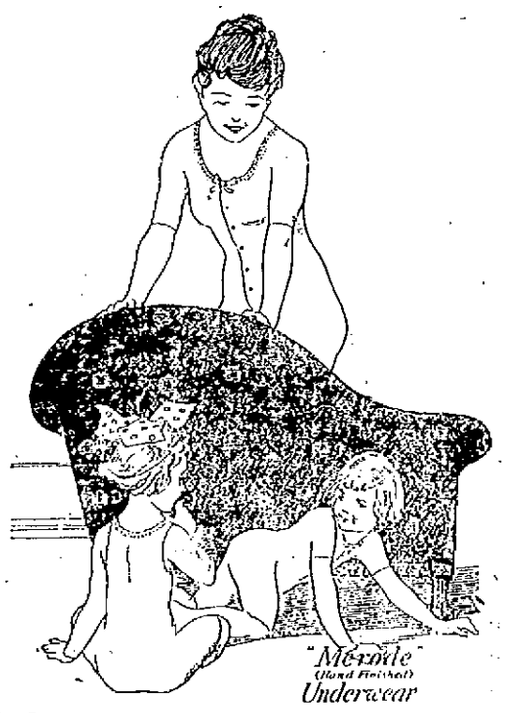
(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 31.—Immediate action by the railroads to relieve the critical coal shortage in New England and other sections of the country, was being considered today by Director General McAdoo and members of the railroad war board. As the result of a conference with Director General McAdoo on Sunday, heads of agencies aiding in government operation of railroads were ready with plans to bring about a speedy moval of coal.

Director General McAdoo said today that orders will be issued before night giving coal shipments preferential movement. The coal situation in New England is worse than in any other section of the country. Fuel Administrator Storrow of Boston and Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield conferred with McAdoo today. Public utilities and factories working on war orders are about to close for lack of fuel. Domestic supplies also are low.

HOSTESSES SUNDAY NIGHT.

The members of the King's Daughters, of the Middle Street Baptist Church, were the hostesses at the Fellowship lunch served Sunday evening at the Y. M. C. A. following the regular weekly service at 6 p. m. Y. M. C. A. Secretary Peck of Camp Devens was the speaker of the evening.



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MATERIAL ARRIVES FOR FREEMAN'S POINT PLANT

Company Has Planned to Start in a Few Days

Two carloads of equipment for the big Atlantic Ship Building Co. at Freeman's Point has arrived. Most of the material is for the use of contractors.

The actual breaking of ground will take place the present week. The U. S. Shipping Board has forwarded the plans for the ten big merchant ships to the office in this city. The contract not only has been signed but the company has filed with the Government a bond for the fulfillment of its contract in the sum of $3,000,000.

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U. S. TO BEAR BRUNT OF WAR, SAYS EGAN

"We are in for a long fight and a stiff one, and this country must bear the brunt of it."

So said Maurice Francis Egan, American minister to Denmark, who arrived in New York Sunday on a liner which brought 535 passengers. He continued:

"The Danish people are heart and soul with the Entente Allies, but Denmark's national existence depends upon her neutrality. Her people have warm affections for Americans.'

Dr. Egan had a talk with King Christian of Denmark, the day he sailed from Copenhagen. Asked if the King discussed the embargoes, he replied:

"Kings don't talk about embargoes. So far Denmark has spurned all the German offers of coal and petroleum, but if Great Britain does not go to Denmark's rescue soon in the matter of fuel, the offers of Germany will have to be accepted. Sweden has been getting petroleum which the Germans secured in Roumania.

"Fuel is so scarce that the transportation lines in Copenhagen have had to return to schedules of thirty years ago. The last coal I bought for the American legation cost $100 a ton. Electricity is almost unobtainable. All nights in Denmark are lightless ones. The sixteen men in the legation have been working nights by candle light.

"Food prices have gone up sky high. When we left, turkey was selling for 90 cents a pound, and I don't believe there were many gobblers served for Christmas dinners there. Tea was $5 a pound."

"In Sweden tea has gone to $8 a pound," volunteered by Egan, the diplomat's wife who returned with him.

Asked about the peace movements in the Scandinavian countries, Dr. Egan said many of them were carried on by Socialists and that most of them were engineered by Germans.

"In Denmark, he added "these peace movements are ignored, but some of them made a lot of noise in Norway and Sweden."

Dr. Egan will go to Washington today. Last night he and Mrs. Egan went to the home of their daughter, Mrs. G. A. O'Reilly, at No. 92 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. They also will go to visit their son son, Capt. Gerald Egan, who is at Camp Lee, Va.

Dr. Egan is fast recovering from the operation he underwent last month, but during his stay in this country, which will be about two months, he will consult several specialists.

With Dr. Egan on the ship, was Count Bent Holstein of Denmark who came here to enlist as a private in the American army. He was in the Danish diplomatic service for some time, although he is only 36 years old, and was stationed in Berlin for a period. There he formed a dislike for German methods. He is a lawyer and a millionaire, but made it plain he did not want a commission.

MUST TREAT STRIKERS AS TRAITORS, IS URGED

(By Associated Press)

Philadelphia, Dec. 29—Labor's part in the war was considered in its various phases today by scientists attending annual conventions of learned societies allied with the American Historical Association in yearly meetings here.

Professor Karl Kelsey of the University of Pennsylvania, addressing the American Sociological Society, says that in many ways the labzor situation calls for immediate attention. "The government," he said "must consider the subject of conscription of labor and arrange for its distribution the same as it conscripts soldiers.

"The time is coming" Professor Kelsey added, "to treat strikers as traitors. This must, however, afford no excuse for low wages or mistreatment of workers."

Speaking on farm production before the American Economic Association, E. V. Wilcov of the Federal Department of Agriculture said there are 700,000 retired farmers past middle age who could be recalled to the plough.

He suggested the enlistment of 5,000,000 young men and boys between 16 and 21 years for work on farms, and advocated that city brew women spend their vacations on farms and help in the work as a national requirement.

KITTERY

Kittery, Dec. 31.—The regular weekly sewing meeting of the Red Cross will be held on Wednesday afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peterson of Whitman, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Robbins of Love lane.

Elmer Hall of Kittery Depot passed away Sunday morning after only a few hours' illness. He suffered a shock on Saturday evening at the store of Hobbs & Sterling and never regained consciousness. For a number of years he had been in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad as a flagman at Butler's Crossing, and was a man well liked by all his associates and acquaintances.

Mrs. Harvey Grant of Otis avenue reopened her private school today after an extended recess owing to scarlet fever.

Miss Eleanor Plamondon of Haverhill, Mass., is the guest of relatives in town.

Howard Langdon is restricted to the house with an attack of the grippe.

Miss Florence Sharman of Medford, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. Ira S. Keene of Locke's Cove.

A union watch meeting will be held tonight at 8.30 at the vestry of the Government Street church. An invitation is extended to all to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wood have returned to New York after passing Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Charlotte Tufts of Woodlawn.

Miss Clara Bushee has returned to her home in Holyoke, Mass., after passing the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. D. L'Amoureux of the Intervene.

Mrs. Julia Langdon of Lynn has return home after passing Christmas with her son, Howard Langdon, and family, of Central street.

Miss Gladys Goodwin of Dame street is ill.

Miss Eleanor Jones of Portsmouth was the guest of friends in town on Sunday.

Riverside Lodge of Odd Fellows will hold a regular meeting tonight.

The Boston Post cane, last in the possession of of the late Dennis Lathrap, was on Saturday evening presented to Capt. William Amee of Remick's Corner, who is now 90 years of age. A number of friends and neighbors were present for the occasion, the presentation being made by Harry H. Cook. A social time was enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream, assorted cake, fancy cookies, fruit and candy were served. Capt. Amee, who is the fourth possessor of the cane, is remarkably active for one of his years, and is a familiar figure about our village as he goes about his daily occupations. For many years he has made his home at the home of the late Oliver Remick. Others who have held the cane are the late Joseph Junkins, Charles Manson and Mr. Lathrop.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. D. L'Amoureux are passing a few days in Boston and Malden.

Miss Josephine Roberge has taken employment in Portsmouth and began her duties today.

The thermometer dropped to the lowest point on Sunday morning known in this vicinity for many years. At the correspondent's home the mercury reached 28 below zero, and reports came in as low as 32. The average temperature was around 20.

CEMETERY LOTS CARED FOR AND TURFING DONE

With increased facilities the subscribers again are prepared to take charge of and keep in order such lots in any of the cemeteries of the city as may be entrusted to their care. They will also give careful attention to the turfing and grading of them, also to the cleaning of monuments and headstones, and the removal of bodies. In addition to work at the cemeteries they will do turfing and grading in the city on short notice. Cemetery lots for sale; also Loam and Turf. Orders left at residence, corner of Richard avenue and South street, or by mail with Oliver A. Ham, 54 Market Street, will be given prompt attention.

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KITTERY POINT

Kittery Point December 31—The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will meet on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. George Kimball.

Leslie Farr of Boston was a visitor in town on Saturday looking over her property, Hotel Pepperrell.

Mrs. Leroy Tobey of Foye's Lane is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Susie Seaward will entertain the B. G. Club on Tuesday evening. The annual club Christmas tree will be held at this time.

Miss Dorothy Drake of North Hampton, N. H., is visiting her grandfather, Hiram Tobey of Tenney's Hill.

Reginald Berry is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Berry.

The Kittery Point Branch in aid of the French wounded will meet with Miss Florence Brooks on Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Congregational church which was to have been held at the Community house on Tuesday afternoon has been postponed until a later date.

Mr and Mrs. Charles Morrell have returned home after visiting relatives in Spruce Head, Me., for ten days.

Union prayer service will be held at the Baptist church this week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

The K. F. G. Embroidery club which was to have been entertained by Mrs. Granville Berry on Tuesday afternoon, has been postponed until Friday.

"OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS"

Among the good things being being done by the New Hampshire Defense League is the distribution of one of the newest books on the war, "Out of Their Own Mouths," a copy of which has reached this office. The Germans have spent vast sums in peace propaganda in this country and even now are trying to convince Americans that peace by negotiation is possible.

The New Hampshire Defense League is trying to combat this German propaganda. Secretary of War Baker and others have denounced it and, in line with its campaign of patriotic education, the Defense League and the National Security League, of which it is the state branch in New Hampshire, is trying to educate the people of this state on the topic of German ambition and the proposed German peace.

"Out of Their Own Mouths" is a book made up of extracts from German speeches, German letters and the German statements. It proves conclusively that Germany was the aggressor and German ambition the causes of the war. "Out of their own mouths may we judge them."

The Defense League is placing this work in the public libraries and the reading rooms of New Hampshire and is also sending copies to editors, to clergymen, schoolmasters, and leaders in public opinion. The League is also distributing and posting thousands of copies of maps which show graphically the territorial ambitions of the supporters of the Kaiser.

That there is great need of this patriotic education is evident from the leak of information among people regarding the war aims of Germany and the deep laid plans of which the present conflict is the result. Now, as never before, the government needs the full support of everybody, farmers, tradesmen, mechanics, men and women, rich and poor alike. To enlist such support is the subject of the League's efforts this winter.

No Lawyer Required

(From the Manchester Union)

A timely word of warning is issued by Director Baxter of the Soldiers' Information bureau in Boston. Relatives of men in the United States service are under no necessity whatever of paying fees to lawyers for assistance in obtaining state money, war insurance or whatever else may be justly due them from the government. The warning is based specifically on a case in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where the mother of a soldier who had died in France received letters from attorneys offering to collect arrearages in pay, state dependency money, compulsory allotment and war insurance—the lawyers to receive a commission of 50 percent!

To the credit of the legal profession as a whole, let it be said that such brigands as these are relatively few in its ranks. They do exist, however, as has been demonstrated in other instances than this at Fitchburg; and it is in the national interest that their activities in preying upon soldiers' dependents should receive the quietus NOW, before our troops become engaged, in great numbers in the actual fighting service. If the predacious proclivities of unscrupulous lawyers are permitted to establish themselves effectively at the start, it is plainly to be seen that the application of the curb will be increasingly difficult as the war progresses, and that lawyers who are so lost to the impulses of humanity and honor as to take advantage of the situation will fatten outrageously at the expense of unprotected widows and orphans.

The duty of the government is not done when pay and state dependency money and war insurance are provided for our men in the service. The money is obviously useless to those for whom it is intended, unless adequate provision is made for their receiving it—and all of it, for all is not a bit too much. There may be occasional instances in which relatives of our fighting men will need, or think they need, legal counsel in solving some unusual problem connected with the rights accorded them by the government; but they may be sure that no reputable lawyer will think of exacting a fee equal to half, or anything like half, of their due. Let them understand, too, that they can ill afford to employ in such cases any but lawyers whom they know to be reputable. Moreover, it is better in any event to refer questions first to the Soldiers' Information bureau in Boston. It may be the means of saving considerable money, and if the services of an attorney are necessary, that bureau will not hesitate to say so. Its very reason for existence is to protect soldiers' relatives from imposition.

CARD OF THANKS

The members of Moses H. Goodrich S. F. E. Co., desire to express their thanks in this public manner to Mr. George W. Downing, Mrs. Sherman Newton, Mr. Ira Brown for hot coffee etc., furnished at the Y. M. C. A. fire this morning, and we appreciate their kindness.

Per order,
Geo. O. Lane, Captain.
Chas. B. Kehoe, Clerk.

MAY TAKE SUMMER HOMES

U. S. Shipping Board Will Use Residences at Rye Beach and York Harbor for Quartering of Workmen at Ship Plant.

The fine summer homes of wealthy residents at Rye Beach, York Harbor and other nearby towns in this vicinity may be taken over, it is believed by the United States Shipping Board, to be used for quartering the workmen at the Newington shipbuilding plant.

Admiral Bowles, head of construction for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, told the senate committee on commerce last week that if shipbuilding is to go forward with dispatch, congress must authorize the commandeering of houses and transportation facilities for workmen. He said conditions attending construction were so bad that if a contractor would maintain a force of 10,000 men he has to keep in sight from 30,000 to 60,000 men.

The admiral explained that if he had the authority to take over houses for shipbuilding he would at once commandeer the cottages of a summer colony near one of the government yards.

"That would be a fine idea," responded Senator Nelson. "We have no time for summer colonies now. Let us commandeer the cottages used by these people who tour the country. One good this war has done has been to stop Americans from running to Europe to spend their money."

Admiral Bowles said he had made the rough draft of a bill to commandeer buildings that could be used for shipbuilding laborers. "The labor problem is a serious one of the shipyards" he added. "Ship construction before the outbreak of the war was not profitable. The ship producing labor was not organized. There was confusion and disorder when we started out. We are doing everything within our power to build up a reliable working force. We have vocational schools that should turn out 50,000 trained men a year. We offer rewards for men for these schools.

"We want the authority to requisition houses. I know now where we could house 6,000 men near one of our yards by taking over a summer colony."

It was here that Senator Nelson suggested that it would be a fine thing to take over the summer colonies at Newport and other fashionable places.

Admiral Bowles said he desired authority to compel trolley companies and ferryboats to transport workingmen from their homes to the shipyards in special cars and boats. "We should control a certain area about all ship construction plants that is necessary to get production," the admiral explained.

Replying to Senator Jones, the admiral said fear of the tax law is general among builders and not confined to any one port of the country. Senator Jones said he had seen telegrams indicating that Pacific coast builders were anxious to get contracts.

"Yes, at very high prices," replied he witness. "Their prices are out of sight."

"Some are acting in good faith, while others are trying to take advantage of the government," said the witness in replying to questions regarding the general attitude of contractors.

"I think we ought to know who is holding up the government," said Senator Nelson, but the admiral refused to give any names except in executive session. He added that his policy has been to deal pretty vigorously with those who attempt to hold up the government, and that if they are called by the committee he wanted to question them.

As an example of the delay resulting from poor housing conditions, the admiral declared if 1500 additional houses for workmen were erected at Sparrow's Point, Md., that yard's production could be increased by ten ships a year.

The witness was questioned again Saturday regarding wooden ships, and replying to committeemen, he said that he had not stated yesterday that the wooden ship program was a flat failure. He believed the problem would be solved by building steel ships, and that wooden vessels should be built only when tonnage can be increased most rapidly by that means.

The committee adjourned until Monday when Baltimore Colby of the shipping board will be heard.

The admiral made a strong impression on the committee, a number of whose members indicated that they favor giving the Emergency Fleet Corporation power to commandeer lands and houses and to compel special service from trolley and ferry companies.

EXETER

Exeter, Dec. 31—Dr. Ralph S. Perkins left today for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he will report on January 8 as first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps. Dr. Perkins has been a practicing physician here for the past several years, coming to Exeter direct from the medical school. He was one of the examining physicians of the draft board when the drafted men took their examinations here in August and September. His entrance into the service increases the number of local soldiers to 115.

The Exeter Cottage hospital has received a gift of $5000 to be added to the Mrs. Thomas Folsom fund, which now amounts to $20,000. The gift is anonymous and comes annually from 17 Battery Place, New York.

The funeral services of Matthew G. Neally were held Saturday afternoon at 2.30 at the home of his son-in-law, Dennis T. French of Elm street, conducted by Rev. Edward Green, pastor of the Unitarian church. Mr. Nealley was a well known resident and died at the state hospital, Concord, last week. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker O. A. F. Flemming.

The only event planned for New Year's eve here is the 19th annual concert and ball of the Hook and Ladder in the Town Hall this evening. The proceeds above expenses are to go to the war Y. M. C. A. work. Music will be by the Columbian orchestra of Lawrence, Mass., which will give the concert from 8 to 9 o'clock.

A carol service was held Sunday afternoon at the Christ church at five o'clock. The carols sung were: 'A Virgin Unspotted," "What Child Is This," "God Rest Ye Merry." Another carol service will be held next Sunday, Jan. 6, in honor of the Feast of the Epiphany.

Rev. William E. Soule of Exeter will be ordained as priest in charge of the Episcopal church at Rochester next Sunday, January 6.

Rev. Charles E. White of the Congregational church was the preacher at the First Congregational church Sunday.

At the Baptist church today services were held in the vestry owing to the coal shortage which custom will be continued for a time.

Ralph S. Bissell, instructor of manual training at the Exeter High school, has been chosen as scoutmaster of the local Boy Scouts.

Howard S. Ross, director of the Academy gymnasium, has been chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Maro S. Brooks as chairman of the committee. The other members of the committee are Dr. J. E. Keefe and Frank N. Graves.

The coldest wave of the season was experienced here Sunday morning when temperatures of ten to 14 below were recorded.

Court Whelwright, Foresters of America, will raise a service flag of 19 stars in the near future. It is the largest number of any of the fraternal organizations.

K. Iowta, who has conducted the night lunch cart near the Rockingham county court house, left yesterday for New York where he will spend the winter. He intends to return in April.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE

Dr. Harriman of Laconia to Succeeed George E. Farrand.

Resignations of the Democratic state committee officers and temporary appointments of successors were made at a meeting of the executive committee at Concord in the Democratic state headquarters. Chairman Geo. E. Farrand, Secretary Robert C. Murchie and Treasurer Charles E. Tilton resigned and Dr. A. N. Harriman of Laconia was appointed temporary chairman, Alexander Murchie of this city, secretary, and Thomas Dwyer of Lebanon, treasurer. The permanent appointments will not be made until the state committee meeting next summer, probably in June.

Mr. Farrand is now postmaster at Concord and Major Murchie and Lieut Tilton are in the army, which naturally precludes them from attending to the political matters to be handled by the committee. Their successors are all men who have been prominently identified with the party affairs and they are qualified to administer the business that comes before the committee.

The Home Guard are to have a basket ball game and dance at the Armory on Thursday evening.

QUALITY OF WOOLENS

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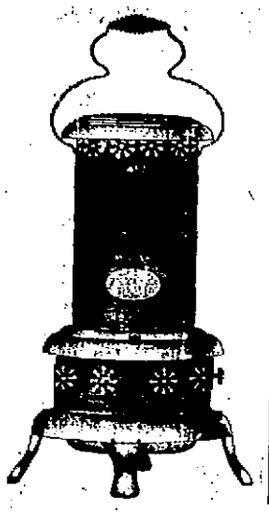

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NEW ENGLAND IN GRIP OF ZERO WEATHER

Boston 14 Below and Northfield Vt. 40 ---Great Suffering Among the Poor---New York State Report of 69 Below--N. Y. City 13 Below and Many Deaths.

(By Associated Press)

Boston, Dec. 30.—The coldest record since the government has been making a record of the weather readings, forty seven years ago, gripped New England today.

In this city the temperature sank to 14 below zero at five o'clock. Northfield Vt., still retains its record as the coldest official place in New England with 40 below.

At the other end of the New England state Block Island it was two below. Portland reported 21 below as compared with Halifax the center of the great explosion of Dec. 6 was two below.

Throughout New England the suffering amon gthe poor has bo en very acute, especially in the cities and in this city the police stations, fire stations and churches were thrown open to those who have no coal.

Numerous explosions in kitchen stoves where the water fronts were frozen up were reported and several small fires resulted from thawing out pipes with burning rags. In Somerville an exploding stove injured a baby so that she will probably die.

Two women in Greater Boston died as a result of the cold and over fifty cases of frost bites were treated at the hospitals.

Railroads trying to move the great amount of congested freight were greatly handicapped and all trains were way off schedule. Water transportation has also been greatly hindered, floating ice and the great amount of vapor making shipping dangerous. 10,000 tons of coal badly needed by dealers and transportation companies are still hung up in places along the coast where they have been driven in.

New York, Dec. 30.—New York City experienced the coldest weather on record with the temperature at 8.30 a. m. at 13 below zero. Except between three and four o'clock this afternoon when it reached zero it has been from six to 13 below zero.

Six deaths were reported from the cold and shortage of coal and there has been intense suffering among the poorer people who unable to secure even their usual small amount of coal have been driven into public buildings.

Glenfalls, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Unofficial reports from Warner county, are that this mornings temperature ranged from 62 to 68 below zero, with Thurman station registering the lowest.

HOW TO COMPUTE YOUR NET INCOME

Internal Revenue Officers Explain the Problem; Returns Must Be Filed in Next Two Months.

What is net income?

This is a question which practically every person subject to the income tax is turning over in his—or her—mind and trying to arrive at a definite conclusion before next week, when he will be obliged by law to fill out an income tax return, preparatory to filing it before March 1.

It is a problem that is vital to all persons earning more than $1000 a year and is causing many to run their fingers through their hair and give up in despair, especially if they have not been accustomed to handling figures.

The question came up for discussion at the office of the Internal revenue service, Nutty Building, 185 Devonshire street, yesterday afternoon when a letter arrived from a Springfield man reading as follows:

"I have saved $300 this year and now have $1600 in the bank. Is this my net income?"

Following is how the question is answered: "An individual's net income which is the basis for computing his federal income tax obligations, consists of the sum of his total gross income from all taxable sources in a calendar year, minus certain deductions which he may claim.

"His net income has no relation to what he owns, but has a direct relation to the earnings of himself, his wife and minor children, his business or profession, his money and his real and personal property.

"The net income of this Springfield man has no relation directly to the amount of money which he states he has in the bank. The $300 which he saved appears to be a part of his income for the year, but it furnishes no clue as to his actual net income.

"This gentleman will be told that he must first compute his gross for 1917 by totalling the following items:

"1—The amount he earned by his personal services.

"2—The amount that his money earned as interest on notes ro mortgages that he might hold.

"3.—The amount of interest that accrued on his money in the bank, whether or not he withdrew the interest.

"4—The gains he may have made during the year on the sale of real or personal property, including stocks and bonds.

"5—The earnings of any business he may conduct, or profession he may practice.

"6—The rents from any property he may own.

"7—Taxable income received during the year from any other source.

"The Springfield man will be told to include with these items the gross income from similar sources received or accrued to his wife and minor children, if any.

"From the total gross income thus computed, this man may take certain deductions, as follows:

"1—Taxes paid during 1917, with the exception of the federal income taxes, water rates for his own home and assessments for local improvements, such as sidewalks, sewers and other improvements, that enhance the value of his property.

"2—Depreciation to cover wear and tear of rented property or buildings or machinery used in his business.

"3—Interest paid on his personal indebtedness.

"4—Losses sustained in business or trade, or arising from storms, shipwreck and theft, where losses are not compensated by insurance.

"5—Contributions to organizations operated wholly for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, or to societies for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, to an amount not exceeding 15 per cent of his net income for the year.

"The net income of the Springfield man is the difference between the total gross income computed as stated, and the deductions which he may be entitled to for the same year."

And so the reporter learned how they figure net income for the purpose of the federal income tax laws. One of the experts present explained that the treasury department had laid down hard and fast rules for the purpose of establishing a uniform basis on which the individual tax must be reckoned.

He pointed out that to determine whether or not a person must file a return, he should figure out his own case under this uniform basis, and decide whether he comes within the scope of this federal war income tax.

Chief Deputy John D. Murphy said that the men in his department will render personal aid during the next two months, and will be prepared to decide difficult points.

If each person in Massachusetts would list up his income and his allowable deductions under the schedules which are mentioned above, and arrived at his actual net income by the legal methods instead of by guesswork and under misinterpretations, it would save a great deal of trouble to the taxpayers and the government officials.

Collector Malley emphasized the fact that women are subject to all the provisions of the federal income tax laws. He said:

"Every unmarried womna, widow or wife living apart from her husband, who has a net income of $1000 or more during 1917, must make a return and pay any tax found to be due.

"In case of a married woman living with her husband and having an income in the form of a salay or from a separate estate or from any other sources, it the experience of the internal revenue service that her income is invariably included in the return of her husband.

"If, however, the income of a married woman is not included in her husband's return, she should file a separate return. There are cases where the wife's income is the substantial part of the family income, the husband's income being comparatively small. In such cases it is proper for the married woman to make the return and to include therein the income of her husband.

"The important point about the income of a husband and wife is that both are taxable and should be reported either jointly or separately, if their combined amount for the year 1917 was $2000."

Speaking of the time for filing the returns, Mr. Malley said:

"The time for filing federal income tax returns for 1917 is the period from Jan. 1 to March 1, 1918. The filing of returns is an obligation placed on every citizen of resident, whose net income for the year reached the amounts specified in law, to wit: In the case of an unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is $1000 or over; and in the case of a married person, whose net income for 1917 is $2000 or over.

"A person who neglects or wilfully avoids fulfilling this duty is subject to two penalties.

"First, a penalty of 50 per cent of any tax due the government from the delinquent.

"Second, a specific penalty of from $20 to $1000 is incurred for failure to have his return filed within the period prescribed by law.

"A person who makes a false or fraudulent return is subject to a fine of $2000 and a year's imprisonment; and he must pay double the tax which he has evaded."

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COLD CAUSE OF FIRE ALARMS

The cold weather caused two general alarms of fire Sunday forenoon, the first for several months. Both were needless alarms and small damaye was done.

The first was for the Murray restaurant on Penhallow street, where the water had frozen and in attempting to thaw it, the pressure on the water front in the stove was shut off with the result that when the fire got hot enough, the entire front blew out. The hot coals were thrown about the room and did start a fire, but it was out before the alarm had got through sounding. The cook who was standing in front of the stove had a narrow escape and he was burned slightly about the legs.

The second alarm followed shortly after from the same box, calling the department to a house at No. 97 How street. Here a fire had started in a partition about the outside chimney and the fire was quickly extinguished by the Chemical with but small damage.

FAMILY KILLED BY GAS

(By Associated Press)

Pentucket, R. I., Dec. 30.—Four members of the Baptiste Vigulle family, including his wife and two small children and a boarder, Henry Bantino, were killed by escaping gas today in his home on Cato street. He was unconscious and is in a critical condition. The police when they broke into the house found four gas cocks going, and thinks that they were left burning and blew out during the night by the wind.

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Legll Advsoy Board for Division No. 1 for the County of Rokingham on the new draft law haes organized as follows.

Legal, Advisory Board for Division No. 1 for the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire.

Hon. Edward H. Adams, Chairman, 5 Market St., Portsmouth will serve for Newington, New Castle and Portsmouth—Ward 4.

Albert R. Hatch, Esq., 45 Pleasant St., Portsmouth will serve for Greenland and Stratham.

Associate members will serve as follows:

Hon. L. G. Hoyt, Kingston and East Kingston.

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Stewart E. Rowe, Kensington.

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Hon. Thomas H. Simes, Rye.

Ellsworth Brown, Seabrook.

F. O. Towle, South Hampton.

The members can be found during their office hours at their respective offices for any information which holders of questionnaires may require. For those who wish information and who are unable to meet any of the members during the day time, there will be some member of the Board at the Probate Office at the Court House on State street between seven and nine o'clock each evening except holidays.

The public schools will open on Wednesday morning. During the vacation the fires were allowed to go out and they will be started today.

CHANGE OF TIMETABLE ON P. D. & Y. ST. RY.

EFFECTIVE DEC. 26

The following trips will be discontinued according to orders received to reduce coal consumption: Car leaving Portsmouth 10 a. m. for York Beach; car leaving York Village Postoffice at 6 a. m. for Portsmouth via P. K. & Y. division; car leaving York Beach at 11.30 a. m. for Portsmouth, via P. K. & Y. division.

The Kittery Point and Portsmouth cars will run only as far as Call's Trestle instead of Sea Point.

Cars will stop only at while poles through Kittery and Eliot.

By this change cars for Kittery Point will cross at Emery's instead of Champernowne Siding.

KEYES TO BE CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

Concord, N. H., Dec. 30.—In an interview this afternoon Gov. Henry W. Keyes confessed to having "a natural desire to represent New Hampshire in the United States Senate" and stated that he was "likely to be a candidate" to succeed Senator Henry F. Hollis in Washington on March 4, 1919.

"But," the Governor added, "if it should appear that there is a genuine demand on the part of a large number of the people of the state for me to continue in office as Governor because of the exigencies of the war situation, I might feel bound as a matter of duty to meet this desire and become a candidate for another term. I certainly should not, however, wage any campaign for such renomination and would assume the burdens of two years more as a war Governor only because of the possible benefits to the state and nation from my experience as an executive in this unprecedented situation."

If Gov. Keyes enters the field as a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator he will oppose Rosecrans W. Pillsbury of Londonderry, whom he defeated for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1916, and who, shortly thereafter, announced himself as a candidate for Senator in 1918.

George H. Moses of this city, ex-Ambassador to Greece and Montenegro, has told his friends that he will be a Senatorial candidate and there has been frequent mention of Ex-Gov. Rolland H. Spaulding of Rochester in the same connection.

Democrats expect that United States Senator Henry F. Hollis will be a candidate for reelection. In the event that he is not a candidate, John B. Jameson, chairman of the State Committee on Public Safety, will be urged to run. Albert W. Noone of Peterboro, who was the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1914, and was beaten for the same nomination in the primaries of 1916, has said that he should be a candidate for Senator.

WHERE GOV. MONEY WAS WASTED

Washington, Dec. 30.—Profiteering on a tremendous scale and under such circumstances as to indicate collusion with certain members of the council of national defence was uncovered Saturday in the course of the Senate military affairs committee's investigation of the shortage in army supplies.

Exorbitant profits in the growing industry of rag making, as allied to the manufacturing of uniform equipment, were dwelt upon at length. Among the features of the hearing were the following:

Offer of Boston Wool Men

Senator ...ks declared that the failure of the ...ment to accept the offer of Boston wool men last spring has cost the government $150,000,000.

Senator McKellar expressed the opinion that the Council of National Defense has usurped the authority of the quartermaster general's office and is largely responsible for the shortage in clothing.

Witnesses testified that Charles Eisenman, chief adviser to Julius Rosenwald, chairman of the supplies committee of the council used his influence to throw government work in the remaking of cloth for army use to a ring, one of the members of which was Samuel Kaplan of the council.

Ira Kaplan, a brother of the council member, witnesses named as head of the base assorting plant in New York where odds and ends of cloth were worked together for uniforms.

Another Kaplan, Emmanuel, was associated in a Massachusetts firm of woolen makers whose product was taken over by the government to the exclusion of men who had offered their entire product to the army.

Contracts were made with the Kaplan company to sort rags at 6 cents a pound. A government investigator said that good profits could be made at 2 cents a pound.

When the investigation was put under way, the company offered to sort rags for nothing.

Alexander H. Kaminski, former assistant district attorney in New York, charged that members of the council committee to supervise the rag industry were so much interested in the trade "that they could not fairly represent the government's interests and were able to injure competitors."

He declared that an offer by his clients to sort rags for 1 to 3 cents a pound for the government was not considered. Eisenman called his clients "discontented dogs."

Gen. Sharpe put the responsibility for delay in getting wool directly up to the Council of National Defence.

Council Much Criticised.

Much criticism of the council and its activities developed during the hearing. The rag-sorting industry took most of the committee's time, and the other matters came up only incidentally.

The rag-makers, according to the evidence before the committee, have had a revenue of $26,000,000 a year in their industry. The government, through Mr. Eisenman, it was alleged, turned the major part of the rag-sorting over to the Kaplan family and those associated with it, in parcelling out contracts for re-making uniforms for the army.

Senator Weeks interrogated Quartermaster Gen. Sharpe as to the evidence of Gen. Greble, commander of the 30th division, at Camp Bowie, Tex., that Gen. Greble had warned the war department of the danger of an epidemic of pneumonia last September, unless adequate quarters were provided for the men. The Massachusetts senator wanted to know why wool had not been bought until Sept. 1, five months after the United States went into the war against Germany.

"I'd like to know why the quartermaster-general could not have entered into contracts with Boston woollen manufacturers last April?" demanded Senator Weeks.

"That I do not know," admitted the witness.

"I've been told upon responsible authority that the failure of the war department to accept the offer of the Boston manufacturer has cost the government $150,000,000," went on Senator Weeks. "Who is responsible for that?"

Weeks Seeks Responsibility

Gen. Sharpe admitted that he "could not tell," whereupon Senator Wadsworth remarked that he was "dismayed at the length of time it has taken for the war department to do things."

"My informant is a pretty important man and I am inclined to believe him. I want to find out who is responsible for this failure," Senator Weeks continued.

NASHUA WOMAN IS MENTIONED BY HAIG

Nashua, Dec. 29.—In the cable today from Field Marshal Haig, among those mentioned as entitled to special mention for service in France, is Miss Caroline Hall, a Nashua native, daughter of the late John T. Hall, long agent of the Boston and Maine road in Nashua. She is at the head of the nurses of the Harvard University Hospital unit.

MANCHESTER CONTRACTS HOLDING GOOD

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 30.—One Manchester shoe industry—the F. M. Hoyt company—is not worrying over much about shoe orders and keeping their employes at work.

It will be remembered that the Hoyt company some months ago, received a large share of the orders to make shoes for Russia. The United States guaranteed the orders.

Since the Russian government went to pieces, and the Bolsheviki are playing into the hands of the Germans, the present contract of the Russian government is trying hard to cancel on the shoe orders that were given to this country.

Inside of a short time the F. M. Hoyt company has increased in having validated; or confirmed, two-thirds of the Russian orders which the plant is now making.

This should be good news to the hundreds of operatives employed by the Hoyt company.

WOODBURYS AND HASSAMS SHOWN AT ART EXHIBIT

New Hampshire art lovers are enjoying a treat in water colors at the institute building, Manchester. For 2 weeks the exhibit of 112 pictures of the foremost water colorists, which opened Wednesday can be viewed by the public.

The pictures are from the New York Water Color club and the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts and have been shown in those two cities.

"The Isles of Shoals" is a picture that is attracting considerable attention only for the subject's locale, but because from New Hampshire people, not ...use of the magnificent coloring. The canvas is the work of Childe Hassam

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Portsmouth, N. H., Monday, December 31, 1917.

Wood and the Fuel Problem.

The scarcity of coal and the high prices, which are gradually ascending in spite of government regulation, are leading to the consideration of wood as fuel. The time was when wood was the sole reliance of New England in the fuel line, but with the development and extension of the coal business the black diamonds began to take the place of wood and the process was continued until the latter was practically thrown into the discard. As the use of coal increased stoves were rapidly and greatly improved, and then came the steam and hot water and hot air furnaces, which largely supplanted the stove for purely heating purposes, and the habits of the people, particularly in the villages and cities, were completely changed. The wood piles and the sawbucks and bucksaws disappeared and the coal man was looked to for fuel supplies.

The change was natural. The coal fire does not need the attention that a wood fire does, except when it develops a balky streak, and then it needs all the attention imaginable and demands as sunny a temper as is required to put a stovepipe together without "going up in the air."

However, circumstances alter cases, and this winter coal is not as plentiful as could be desired, while prices are simply staggering. For this reason the use of wood is again in order wherever its use is found practicable. But the price of wood is also very high, rather higher than natural conditions would seem to warrant. In many parts of New England there is an abundance of wood, and it would seem that the owners might do a good business in marketing it at this time. Owing to the high cost of labor the chopping and hauling may cost more than it did in the days when wood was more generally used, but there is no good reason why the price should be from $10 to $12 a cord, as reported in many places. The price has been boosted because coal is high, just as the price of fish is boosted when meat is high, no matter how plentiful fish may be.

It would be a boon to the people now if wood were to be placed on the market at a reasonable price, as it could be if the owners were not looking for profits as sharply as the coal men are. There is much forest land in parts of New England where the wood as it stands is worth next to nothing, and whatever it would bring in the market above the labor cost would be almost clear profit. But, according to quotations, the labor cost is but a small proportion of what buyers have to pay.

For this reason the use of wood will do less towards relieving the coal shortage than it should, as at an equal cost all will burn coal who can possibly get it. If wood were provided enough cheaper to make its use an object—and there is reason to believe it could be—there would be a falling off in the demand for coal and the price, if it did not come down, would stop going up. It is a pity that a substitute fuel, which is within easy reach in so many places, can not be made use of at a good profit to the owners and a substantial saving to consumers.

A Credit to the Boston Post.

The expressions of feeling for dumb animals on the part of the Boston Post has been apparent many years judging from the space given in its editorial columns in defence of the animals, especially the horse. The Post and its writers have lost nothing in taking such a stand and the paper has a warm spot in the hearts of its many readers for the interest it has shown in devoting its pages to articles which cannot help appealing to drivers and lovers of the horse. Touching on a recent order of the Boston police, the following shows plainly that the horse still retains a warm friend at the Post editorial desk:

"Lovers of our good friend, the horse, will greet with applause the order of Superintendent Crowley of the Boston police to the various captains asking them to instruct their patrolmen to see to it that horses left standing outside during the cold winter weather are properly blanketed. Surely there could hardly be more merciful work for the officers than this. In spite of a good deal of publicity and humanitarian appeal, it has been found that some drivers have not had decency enough to cover their horses properly in the frigid air. They are the ones who must be compelled to exercise more consideration for their animals than they deserve for themselves."

It is no credit to this or any other city to permit its sidewalks to be neglected in the winter season, a practice that is not only unpleasant, but decidedly unsafe. There should be in every city and town regulations regarding the cleaning of walks after snow storms, and these should be rigorously enforced.

There were no flies on December, 1917. It was the real thing and constituted a bad start for that open winter so many were predicting only a few weeks ago.

CLAIMS NO COAL RELIEF IN SIGHT

Fuel Administrator Warns Individuals to Practice Utmost Economy.

Former Gov. Charles F. Floyd, returning from the conference of the New England fuel administrators held at Boston Friday, issued a statement Saturday afternoon to the people of New Hampshire, in which he urges the need of individual conservation of fuel in order to insure fuel for future use.

The administrator's statement reads as follows:

"The coal situation everywhere is acute and is constantly growing worse, not only in New Hampshire, but in the other New England states and in all the East as well. No immediate relief is in sight.

"Tidewater transportation is almost at a standstill, owing to the shortage of coastwise shipping and to winter conditions and the overburdened railroads are utterly unable to move the coal that is needed from day to day. Hundreds of coal cars, loaded and unloaded are standing idle waiting for motive power.

"In the meantime, to speak of our own state, many New Hampshire industries have been forced to shut down for lack of fuel and others are bound to follow suit almost immediately. It is no longer possible to pick up a car here and a car there to tide an industry over. The soft coal situation is bad to the extreme.

"Perhaps no community in New Hampshire has enough coal for domestic use to last through the winter and many towns are entirely without coal. In Manchester conditions have gone from bad to worse. There is no such thing as a coal reserve here or elsewhere in the state. Several dealers are entirely out of domestic sizes of anthracite and others, with some coal on hand, are so far behind with their orders that it is impossible to get immediate delivery. There is already suffering among the poorer families and even those with cash to pay for fuel are hard put to find it.

"Consumers are urged to cut down the number of heated rooms and to heat to the lowest temperature compatible with health. The strictest economy must be practiced by everyone. There is more or less wood in the market and, wherein possible, wood should be burned. Grates not adapted for the use of wood should be so adapted if this is in any way practicable.

"The strictest economy and the use of wood as fuel will enable us to stretch our meagre supply of coal until the time needed to reorganize the railroads under government control. But economy must be practiced by all and wood must be burned by those who can use it or most serious consequences are to be feared."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Coal Economy

(From the Lawrence Tribune)

The drastic action of the public service companies brings home to everyone the real seriousness of the existing conditions. Economy in fuel becomes not a voluntary but an enforced course. At the same time each one by voluntary economy can help out the situation. Every pound of coal saved will prove of assistance.

An Excellent Job

(From the Albany Journal)

It is a splendid testimonial to mechanical efficiency in the navy department that the 109 German merchant ships which were seized in ports of the United States after the war had been declared existent are in service, although their machinery had been so damaged by their crews that it was at first believed that much longer time would be required to complete repairs to them all.

High Patriotic Service

(From the Springfield Union)

Any person should feel proud to belong to the Red Cross. The morale among the American people will be the better for the campaign that is now in progress to swell its ranks, and the support of all kinds of war work made more effective. It would be well if every citizen could be enrolled as a member, in one class or another. The patriotic service thus rendered is of the highest.

Federation of Manchester Churches

(From the Manchester Mirror)

War conditions have caused the introduction of many plans which in ordinary times would be regarded as extremely revolutionary.

Among these may be placed the suggestion which has been put forth, as the result of a conference of Manchester Protestant clergymen, that there be brought about a federation of churches, for the purpose of complying with conditions caused by the

Chief among the conditions confronting the churches at this time is the scarcity of fuel; and it has, therefore, been suggested that an investigation be made and the subject be put before the congregations of the several churches, in order that the sentiment of the members be obtained as to the desirability and practicability of having congregations unite, in order that some of the churches may be closed and thereby save fuel.

Where it is possible, it is proposed that the people of one faith unite in a single house of worship, as, for instance, the attendants at the First Congregational and Franklin-street Congregational churches could hold services on alternate Sundays in each church and carry on their week-day activities in the same manner, and this plan might also be enlarged so as to include the people of other congregations.

Among the Baptists it is assumed that the congregations attending the First, People's and Free Baptist churches could readily unite and save the fuel which would be required to heat all three houses of worship, and so of the Methodist churches and the Universalist and Unitarian denominations.

Furthermore, it is believed that the feeling of friendliness is so manifest among the adherents to the precepts of the various denominations that no difficulty would be encountered in the congregations of two or more churches being brought together for public worship under one roof, as the day has long since passed away when clergymen arise in their pulpits and endeavor to enforce the idea that doctrines held by the society with which they are affiliated represent the only true and perfect religious beliefs.

This suggestion of a church federation is taking concrete form, and will be accepted or turned down at a conference which has been set for January 3.

20 Per Cent Red Cross

(From the Manchester Union)

When all the returns are in it will be found that substantially 20 percent of the people of New Hampshire are members of the Red Cross. The membership drive was for 10 per cent of the nation. By some process of calculation, with which we are not familiar this state was asked for, 70,000 members, which is a deal more than 10 per cent of our population. Already we have furnished more than 80,000, a whole county is to be heard from, and other returns are not complete. If all the nation were as wholeheartedly in the Red Cross movement as we in New Hampshire, the national membership would be more than 20,000,000.

Now when one thinks a bit about the difficulties under which this campaign labored, one is a good deal impressed by this figure. Remember, the drive came in the week before Christmas when most people are doing a deal of figuring to find out how they are going to fill all the stockings. It is doubtless true that the Christmas idea of the campaign brought some dollars, but it also kept out some, not because of lack of interest, but because all of us do not have dollars enough to go around. Then the drive came in midwinter when it is pretty difficult to organize a dragnet campaign in the towns.

That in the face of these handicaps, practically one-fifth of the people in New Hampshire are today enrolled as Red Cross members is evidence of thorough campaign work. The thing must have been handled skilfully and faithfully both by executive heads and by field workers.

But that doesn't account altogether for this striking success. The will of the people must be in the war and the work of the war. We hear much about the slackers, the propagandists, and the whole brood of clogs and hindrances. But, after all, what do they amount to? It is a good deal like the divorce court. If all one reads is accounts of unhappy marriages ending in legal separation, one easily becomes fixed in the belief that all marriages end this way. They don't. Most married people get along tolerably well. They don't make a fuss about it, though, and the story of their domestic felicity is not told in the papers. So with the enemies at home. They make a deal of noise, some of them, and the quiet ones get a deal of notoriety when they are rounded up and caught. Meanwhile, the general run of the people is going right ahead with the business of the war.

Eighty thousand Red Cross members out of a population of 430,000, and returns incomplete, give one the impression of organized determination as well as a statewide charitable impulse.

DANCE AT NEW CASTLE.

A large party of girls, composed of members of the Girls' Patriotic League of this city, chaperoned by Mrs. C. A. Hull and Miss Mary P. Ingalls, went to New Castle Saturday evening where they were the guests of the soldier boys at Fort Constitution, at the Y. M. C. A. hut, where an informal dance was held.

The affair was an entire success to the soldier boys, and resulted in a very pleasant evening being spent. Music was furnished for the dancing by the young ladies, assisted by some of the men.

During the evening refreshments of sandwiches, cake, coffee, candies and fruits were served under the direction of Y. M. C. A. Secretary Curtis. The refreshments were furnished by Mrs. Taylor, wife of Sergt. Taylor, an officer formerly stationed at Fort Constitution. Mrs. Taylor sent a sixty-five pound box of goodies to the boys which was intended for Christmas, but owing to a delay in the mails it did not arrive until Saturday morning so it came in handy for the evening.

For any itching skin trouble, piles, eczema, salt rheum, hives, itch, scald head, herpes, scabes, Doan's Ointment is highly recommended, 60c a box at all stores.

Read the Want Ads.

ATTACK ON STEVENS IS WITHDRAWN

Washington Paper Forced to Retract.

The Washington, D. C., Post of Dec. 19 carried a sensational attack on the United States Shipping Board containing a statement that the New Hampshire member of the shipping board, Hon. Raymond B. Stevens, had awarded a fat contract for building wooden ships to a New Hampshire corporation through friendship for its attorney, Robert Jackson, Esq. of Concord. This charge by the Washington Post was the chief occasion for the investigation by the shipping board by the senate committee on commerce. A complete retraction of this charge appears in the Washington Post for December 28, quoting the following letter from General Goethals, formerly manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation:

"Hon. Raymond B. Stevens,
"United States Shipping Board,
"Washington, D. C.

"My Dear Mr. Stevens:

"My attention has been called to an article in a newspaper relative to a contract let by the Emergency Fleet Corporation to the Mendell Engineering Company, which by the inference contains a gross injustice to you. I feel it ought not to be allowed to stand uncorrected. As I know the facts perhaps as well as anyone, I am writing this letter to you about it. The charge in the paper was in substance that the interests in this company were friends of yours and that you awarded this contract to them and that it was extremely profitable. While I was general manager, contracts were awarded by the Emergency Fleet corporation organization. You had nothing whatever to do with the awarding of the contracts. I awarded them, O. K'd them and the officers of the corporation signed them on my O. K. The members of the shipping board and the trustees of the corporation took no action whatever in regard to the contracts. This applies to the Mendell Company. The contract with them was negotiated ad approved by the organization of the fleet corporation. The contract was drawn by the law division of the corporation and it was all settled at the time I ceased to be general manager. When I left, this contract had been O. K'd by me and in the ordinary course of business, it would have been signed by the president of the corporation. I understand the contract was subsequently approved by my successor and signed on behalf of the corporation. The contract was awarded and approved by me during my administration and you as I have before stated had nothing whatever to do with the contract or any of the negotiations connected with it.

"Yours sincerely,
"George W. Goethals."

The Post then says: "In view of the positive statement in General Goethals letter it is apparent there was no foundation for the criticisms of Mr. Stevens which appeared in this newspaper on December nineteenth."

It will be most gratifying to the people of New Hampshire to learn that these unfounded and scurrilous accusations against two prominent New Hampshire men have been absolutely and unqualifiedly retracted. Mr. Stevens is recognized in Washington as one of the strong men of the administration and the work done by Mr. Jackson in securing the shipbuilding contract for Portsmouth is generally recognized and approved.

RAILROAD MEN HEAR FROM FRANCE

Herald readers in this section, especially railroad men will be pleased to hear from Alfred Luneau, for several years a telegraph operator on the White Mountain division of the Boston and Maine railroad at Tilton and whose family reside in that town. He is now Somewhere in France with the railroad unit and his letter says in part:

"I take pleasure this afternoon in writing you a few lines hoping that this will reach no one else but you. I have not heard from you for some time now. Are you so busy you cannot write? A few days ago, while getting my dinner ready, a big car stopped at my front door and who was it but General Pershing who was on a long journey. I had a lunch with him and he had the use of my chair. Have also seen Gen. Haig. I have just finished my little hut and you ought to see it, it is considered one of the best. After making a nice writing desk and a morris chair, a little stove fit for cooking, a kitchen cabinet, two big windows, a front porch, and all the accomodations needed. It is now really a pleasure to get in the side car which takes me down every day to stay at my little place doing my bit. On my way home last night (as it is dark early now) I could see the illumination from the lines in the sky and hear the roaring of guns and star shells of blood red and green and very light at some places which are the observation lights, and believe me that we are getting them the stuff. It was quite a sight.

"The airplanes are a common thing here; they are like bees in the air. One with the engine afire dropped near camp a few days ago. A bunch of our boys rushed to see it, when the major came along and confined the whole battalion a week on campus for leaving their work. There is one week we can't go to town; we have to have a pass whenever we go. Last night I received a box of cigars from father, you and Leon. Thank you ever so much. The craze for tobacco is growing each day. I smoke more than ever before. Lieut. Rooke has left the regiment, having been promoted to the staff in Paris. His father has sent each man a box of tobacco. We have also received some from Fitchburg division.

"I got the O. R. T. mother sent me and get a little dope from that. Wish you would send me a letter once in a while as I hear nothing of the draft in Tilton.

"I will close awaiting a long letter from you, with love and best regards to all."

Y. M. C. A. GUTTED BY AN EARLY MORNING FIRE

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there at 5.55. A line was immediately laid and then Spare Driver Cox pulled in an alarm. As soon as Chief Woods arrived he notified all the companies to respond with the exception of Sagamore. Hose 3 was the first to arrive after the Chemical and in ten minutes Siso No. 2, Goodrich No. 4 were on the scene. In spite of the most severe weather of years the men made remarkable time.

Chief Woods and his assistants, J. M. Varrell and W. M. Gray, did a clever bit of work in checking and confining the fire just where it started. All the firemen stuck to their posts throughout the morning and they looked like snow men with their clothing covered with a thin coating of ice.

The men of the W. J. Sampson Hook and Ladder Co. under Foreman John Downs had work that required skill and courage and they did fine work.

Every man under Foreman William Wallace of No. 2, and Foreman George Miles of No. 3, and Foreman George Lane of No. 4 were promptly everywhere they were needed. Every man was right on the jump and saved the city a serious conflagration.

The engineers under Chief Woods are making a thorough investigation today.

The loss to the Y. M. C. A. is estimated around $10,000 with an insurance of $5000. The loss to Everybody's Store, Smauel Cohen, proprietor, is estimated at $8000, with an insurance of $3000.

Most of the damage to Everybody's Store was caused by smoke and water, the place being drenched. The gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. escaped with only damage by water.

NAVY YARD NOTES

Welfare League Minstrels.

The Naval Welfare League at the Naval prison will produce a minstrel show there on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The performance of Christmas will be repeated and those who will have the pleasure of witnessing the same will be treated to an entertainment well worth their time and one that equals the work of professionals on the civilian stage.

New Year's Dancing Party.

The Navy Yard draftsmen are going to see the old year out and the new year in tonight. They will conduct a dancing party at Pythian hall. The patrons and patronesses for the occasion will be: Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wyman, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lewis. The committee in charge are the following: J. T. Wiseman, W. C. Chase, H. P. Berna, J. C. Hanscom.

Annual Meeting Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth Navy Yard Improvement Association will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, at the banquet hall of Odd Fellows' hall at 8 o'clock. At this meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Every member is requested to be present.

Joiners and Helpers

Six joiners and twelve general helpers were required by the Industrial Department on Saturday.

WE HAVE ONE LEFT

The tug of war has taken all the tugs out of Portsmouth harbor which for the first time in seventy years is without towing facilities.—Concord Monitor.

Not yet; we still have one doing business on the Piscataqua.

WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE.

St. John's Parish will hold its annual Christmas tree for the Sunday School at the Parish House on State Street Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

the local news when it is news.

The Portsmouth Herald publishes

LARGEST NAVY IN HISTORY OF UNITED STATES

The Navy was ready when war began. Like Von Moltke's army in the Franco-Prussian war, it had only to go ahead with plans arranged in advance. It has not had to change its organization. It has simply increased in size at every point, and gone over the top.

The number of ships in the war construction program of the Navy is 787, including some ships recently completed. This is considerably more than twice the total number of ships in commission on the day war was declared on Germany.

In the past year the Navy has expanded from 68,000 enlisted men to more than 200,000, including marines, reserves and others in service. In January, 1917, there were 4,500 officers. Now there are more than 15,000.

At the beginning of the year there were 300 naval vessels of all types in commission; now there are "many more than a thousand." Ships that were on the stocks then have been hurried to completion. Ships that were laid up in the navy yards because there were not men enough to man them have been refitted and manned and sent to sea. Scores of yachts and power boats have been taken over from private owners to be set at work searching for submarines.

In the past eighteen months Congress has appropriated for naval purposes $1,905,410,030. This is more money than was spent on the navy in the entire period from 1883 to 1911—the first 28 years of the existence of the "New Navy." And that period includes the years of rapid naval expansion that followed upon our war with Spain.

But the Navy has done more in the past year than merely to expand. It has been engaged day after day for months in the actual business of naval warfare. It has sunk submarines—how many, the Department is not telling.

The first American forces to land in France for service against the Germans were units of the naval aeronautic corps. They were landed at a French port early in June.

The Navy has fourteen times as many flying boats as it had at the beginning of the year, and thirty times as many men in its aircraft forces. It has built its own aircraft factory in Philadelphia. Ninety days after the ground was broken for the plant, the keel of a flying boat was being laid. Five private plants are devoting their entire resources to Navy aircraft work. There never was a war in which it was so important as it is in the present conflict to invent new ways of fighting—and to keep them secret. One invention may be worth twenty dreadnoughts. What our Navy has done in this way must be left for time and results to show. But Thomas A. Edison is in Washington, giving his entire time to his country as head of the Naval Consulting board. That fact, to most Americans, will be the best possible guarantee that the money voted for the Navy is being expended not only wisely, but with the utmost ingenuity of which human nature is capable.

WILL REPLY TO GERMAN PEACE OFFER

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 31—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British government when the Austro-German peace terms are presented to return a serious and reasoned reply.

Premier David Lloyd George, the Guardian states, has arranged to visit France to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

U. S. AVIATOR IS KILLED

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Dec. 31—An American aviator was killed on Sunday while making a test flight before American and French officers at an aviation camp near the French lines.

Although the wind was blowing violently at the time, the American looped the loop successfully, but fell in attempting to repeat it. He was dying when picked up, but requested to report his observations to his commanding officer which he did with his dying breath.

KILLED BY MINE EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press)

Scranton, Dec. 31—Many miners are reported to have been killed by a gas explosion in the Underwood mine of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, near Throop, six miles from this city.

Company officials are silent and no information is forthcoming. At noon 7 men, some dead and some alive, were taken from the mine.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

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RELAX ON CENSORSHIP

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 31.—Relaxation on several phases of voluntary censorship by the American newspapers since the beginning of the war will be announced in revised regulations to be issued tomorrow. Requests that nothing be published tending to disclose line officers or individual units in expeditionary forces tending to reveal the identity of merchant ships to submarines, or giving information regarding dry docks, repair and construction works have been withdrawn entirely.

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NEW ENGLAND HAS A HEAVY FIRE LOSS

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A. H. Pierce, who conducts a wine store on the first floor on Merchants row, is a heavy loser. A. J. Novak Printing Company's loss is from water. A barber shop, operated by William Best, was flooded. Francis Welch, cigar and newsdealer in the hotel office, lost his stock; he did not carry insurance.

The hotel is owned by Howard F. Woodfin, J. A. Flynn of Dorset, Frank D. White, N. J. Nicklaw, and G. R. Rush. The hotel was built in 1851 by Otis Bardwell of Walpole, N. H.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 31.—The little town of North Troy suffered the most disastrous fire in its history Sunday when a blaze swept through the business section. The loss is estimated at $50,000.

The flames started, presumably, from an overheated furnace in the general merchandise store owned by C. W. Seaver on Main street, sweeping from basement to top story in a short time, and also destroyed Seaver's residence, the R. E. Kelley block, and the town clerk's office with all its records. Embers swept across the street and set fire to the A. H. Butterfield building, but this was saved. Several of the volunteer firemen were frost bitten.

Starting at an early hour in the morning, the fire raged all day, and at 6 last night the ruins were still ablaze. What little apparatus was available was of little use because the temperature was 44 degrees below zero.

Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 31.—Fire due to an overheated furnace pipe, discovered a few minutes after the last of 50 worshippers who attended the forenoon service had left, gutted the ancient First Parish (Unitarian) Church in this town Sunday. The edifice was one of the oldest landmarks in the countryside as well as in all New England, having been erected in 1747. The loss is estimated at $60,000.

Although the fire apparatus was quickly on the job, the brisk wind steadily fanned the flames, and hope of saving any considerable part of the beloved structure was given up early. Leaping wide of the burning structure, the flames for a time threatened to deface the handsome Memorial Monument to Revolutionary Soldiers in the square, erected by Edith Prescott Wolcott, Gov. Wolcott's wife, who was a native.

Mrs. J. O. Bennett, the church organist, discovered the fire in the vestry, on returning to the church a few minutes after leaving. Rev. Dudley R. Childs was its minister. For a century before the erection of the present town hall, the edifice was used as the public meeting place.

Although it had been several times remodelledand repaired, the Pepperell Unitarian church bade fair to withstand the rigors of even another century. It was rich in memories for every resident of the town, going back to Revolutionary days, when the church furnished the first Army chaplains.

One of its unique records lay in the fact that in 150 years it had but four pastors. The last of these was Rev. Charles Babbidge, who toop part in the sesqui-centennial exercises in 1897, at the age of 92, when near the end of his 65 years of continuous service.

Dr. Babbidge had talked with Bunker Hill heroes and himself was among the first to enlist as chaplain in the Civil war. Miss Emeline Harrington served as his assistant during the latter years of his pastorate.

Parkman, Me., Dec. 31.—John Jewett, his wife and five children, from 2 to 8 years old, escaped from their burning home shortly before midnight Saturday night and with the mercury 30 degrees below zero and a gale blowing, fled in their night clothing through the snow to the nearest neighbors, an eighth of a mile away.

Mr. Jewett was awakened by smoke and flames and had just time to arouse his family and get them out. All suffered from frost bites, and one child so severely as to require a physician.

The farm buildings were burned flat with all the contents, a horse, three head of cattle and 10 tons of hay. The loss will be about $2000 with a small insurance.

Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 31.—In a temperature to 15 below zero firemen fought a $12,000 blaze in a three-story building at 100-104 Cass avenue for four hours Sunday. Two firemen, George Chamboux of Hose 5 and Azenor Crepeau of Hose 2, were overcome by smoke and were revived at the Woonsocket Hospital. Several firemen received frost-bitten ears, fingers and toes. The building, which was practically ruined, was occupied on the first floor by Bernard-Brothers, grocery and market; on the second floor by Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Clontie, and on the upper floor by Mr. and Mrs. William Hubert. Both families were driven out without having a chance to save any belongings.

Lowell, Dec. 31.—The barn on Londale farm, one of the luargest farms in Tyngsboro, about half a mile north of Tyngsboro bridge, was burned Sunday night with 75 tons of hay, two horses, all the farming tools and a large quantity of vegetables. The dwelling house, occupied by the families of Potter Hazard and James Lovering, were saved by the neighbors and town fire department. Five horses were removed by Mr. Lovering and some of the neighbors. The farm buildings were located about half a mile north of Tyngsboro bridge.

The barn was 110 feet long and 40 feet wide. The origin of the fire is unknown. The value of barn and contents is estimated at about $9000. There is some insurance.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Daisy B. Berry

Mrs. Daisy B. Berry, wife of Ralph H. Berry, died suddenly Sunday morning at the home on the Farmer road in Eliot. Mrs. Emery was born in Eliot, June 15, 1890, the daughter of James G. and Elvena (Fernald) Hanscom. Besides her husband she is survived by her father, five sisters, Mrs. Bernard Hagadorn, Mrs. George Mackay, Mrs. Harold Place, Mrs. Horace Stetson and Mrs. Roland Morse, and one brother, Myron Hanscom.

Mr. Berry's sister, Mrs. Ruth Berry Moody, died Christmas day.

Robert James Leaden.

Died at the Naval Hospital, Dec. 28, Robert James Leaden, aged 22 years, 10 months, 27 days. The remains were sent to his home in Boston Saturday for interment by O. W. Ham.

Elmer E. Hall.

Elmer E. Hall of Kittery Depot died at his home Sunday morning of heart disease. Mr. Hall was born Aug. 8, 1861, in Plaistow, N. H., the son of Samuel A. and Rhoda C. (Greenleaf) Hall. He later lived in Haverhill, Mass., and 18 years ago moved to Kittery, where he has since been crossing watchman at Butler's Crossing. A widow, Addie M. (Ward), survives him, also five brothers, Henry A of Plaistow, Howard W. of Merrimac, Walter F. of Eliot, Karl M. with the U. S. Army "somewhere in France," and Ernest G. of Portsmouth, and one sister, Mary E. Kidder of Kingston. Mr. Hall was a member of Riverside Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Kittery, also of the Union of Station Employes of the Boston and Maine R. R. Funeral services will be held from the Government Street Methodist church in Kittery Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

ATTENTION STORER POST, NO. 1, G. A. R.

Comrades:—Invitations have been received from Camp Sohley, No. 4, U. S. W. V., to be present at their hall on Daniel street on Tuesday Jan. 1, at 2.30 p. m. The camp is to unfurl a service flag with appropriate exercises. Let there be a full attendance at this patriotic demonstration. In the evening at 7.30 o'clock at Freeman's Block the Austin Lincoln Association will celebrate the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Comrades will attend in full uniform at both these occasions.

M. H. BELL, Commander.
H. S. PAUL, Adjt.

BROUGHT BOOZE FROM THIS CITY

York Man Held for Violating Bone Dry Law.

Nelson G. Simonds of York who was indicted by the federal grand jury last September on a charge of bringing a quart of wine and a pint of whisky from Portsmouth to Kittery in violaton of the federal bone dry law, was arraigned in the district court at Portland and pleaded not guilty. He furnished bonds in the sum of $200 for the April term of court.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Portsmouth and Vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; continued cold.

Sun Rises	7.14
Sun Sets	4.21
Length of Day	9.07
High Tide	1.04 am, 1.15 pm
Moon Rises	7.57 pm
Light Automobile Lamps at	4.51 pm

TELEPHONE LINE WAS HOT.

The telephone at the board of public works was kept hot today with complaints of frozen pipes which required the shutting off of the city water while repairs were made in all parts of the city.

KEYES WILL RUN FOR SECOND TERM

War Situation Requires His Re-election as Governor.

Concord, Dec. 31—Governor Henry W. Keyes, in an interview at his office in the states house Saturday afternoon, said he was likely to be a candidate for the United States senate in 1918, and confessed that he had "a natural desire to represent New Hampshire in that body."

"But, Governor Keyes added, "if it should appear that there is a genuine demand on the part of a large number of people of the state for me to continue in office as governor because of the exigencies of the war situation, I might feel bound as a matter of duty to meet this desire and become a candidate for another term as the chief executive of the Granite State.

"I certainly should not, however, wage any campaign for such renomination and would assume the burdens of two years more as a war governor only because of the possible benefits to the state and the ntaion from my experience as an executive in this unprecedented situation.

"However, whatever my decision as to the political future may be, I intend to devote my time and attention as fully during the remainder of my term as governor as I have in the past to its many ad different duties and problems.

"I have not allowed politics at all to enter at all into the executive administration of New Hampshire's affairs and this will continue to be my attitude."

Should Governor Keyes become a candidate for United States senator he will enter the race with a large field of candidates, several of whom have already been mentioned, including Hon George H. Moses of Concord, former minister to Greece and Montenegro, ex-Governor Rolland H. Spaulding of Rochester and Hon Roscerans W Pillsbury of Londonderry, who opposed Gov. Keyes at the Republican primaries last year.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Superintendent of Streets W. A. Hodgdon is much improved today.

Mr. James A. McCarthy is at the Carney Hospital where he was operated upon Friday.

Miss Alice M. Craig has returned from a five week's visit with relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. L. C. Towle of Buston, Me., has returned home after a visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. William A. Bragdon and daughter Louise are the guests of friends in Boston over the New Years.

Miss Bernice Glidden, cashier at D. F. Borthwick's store, has resigned and she will shortly be married.

Mrs. Garfield MacLeod of Winthrop, Mass., passed the week-end with Mrs. F. A. Jones of Miller avenue.

Frank M. Bartlett of Lynnfield Center arrived here on Sunday and reported for duty in the naval reserve.

Mrs. Samuel T. Ladd and children who have been passing the holidays in South Boston returned home on Saturday.

Walter Anderson, wife, and daughter Marjorie of Winthrop, Mass., are the guests of F. A. Jones and family of Miller avenue.

Carl Carlson and wife of the Philadelphia navy yard are at Rye with Mrs. Carlson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Arrington of Lynn were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Arrington of Langdon street.

Among the cables received from "Over There" was one from F. B. Severance with the 14th Regiment Engineers to his mother, Mrs. Fred Severance, 88 Union street, saying: "Well. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Yea.."

The wedding of Miss Marjorie Chalmers, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Chalmers of West Newton, Mass., to Sergt. Earl Joseph Carlton of Nashua, occurred at noon Sunday at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Chalmers is well known in this city and has the best wishes of her many friends for a long and happy married life.

GRAFFORT CLUB NOTICE.

Miss Louisa Pryor of the vocational department of the Massachusetts State Board of Education will speak on "Our Foods and Theirs" on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 2, at 3.30, at Pierce hall The public is cordially invited to attend.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Elmer E. Hall will be held from the Government Street Methodist church in Kittery, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

LOST—White pearl rosary between Lincoln avenue and Market square Finder notify P. O. Box 496 or Tel. 706. he d31, 1w

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NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIRE

(By Associated Press)

Taunton, Dec. 31.—Rev. George Maguire and Rev. William Trainor, rector and assistant rector respectively, of the Immaculate Conception Church here, had a narrow escape from fire when the parish house was destroyed early today.

Father Trainor jumped from a second story window, and Father Maguire hung by his hands from the window ledge until rescued by firemen.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS, ATTENTION!

All comrades of Winfield Scott Schley Camp are requested to attend the unfolding of a service flag, to be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1918.

Per order,
J. P. KELLY, Commander.
H. W. FOSTER, Adjutant.

Read the Want Ads.

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Earthquake Destroys Guatemala, Capital of San Salvator---Many Lives Lost.

(By Associated Press)

San Salvador, Dec. 30.—Guatemala, the capital of the republic, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake and there has been a great loss of life. Various hospitals and prisons were badly damaged and the inmates killed and injured.

The Colon theatre filled with people when the shock came, collapsed killing many, the railroad station, sugar refinery, the American and British legation and the U. S. Consulate were all leveled.

Deep fissues have opened in the ground in the heart of the city and 80,000 inhabitants have been made homeless. There is very little food and the government of San Salvador has called off the new year celebration and gone in mourning for the capital.

RED CROSS DRIVE OVER—BIG SUCCESS

The Red Cross drive for membership officially closed on Saturday night, having been extended from Christmas eve and reports indicate a wonderful success, not only in this city but all over the state and country.

The state has exceeded its quota which was high, being placed at 70,000, whereas it was understood that the quota was to be 10 percent of the population, however, it exceeded this and instead of ten gave over 20 per cent.

The actual figures for this city have not been adjusted as yet owing to the fact that from the navy yard quota, many were turned back to Kittery and Eliot, but it will be some over 3800.

Chairman F. M. Sise has not received the final figures from this district, which includes a good part of the county, but up to Saturday night there were 6400. This may be increased when some of the towns make their final returns. As it is now Portsmouth furnished 38% of these and Newmarket will probably be second with around 700, while Exeter will be third, with not much more than half of its quota. Some of the towns did very well while others through an apparent lack of an organization failed to secure anywhere near what they were allotted.

VACATION WOOD CUTTERS

New Hampshire College, Durham, N. H., Dec. 26.—Professor R. W. Woodward who is in charge of the wood cutting drive which the students of the college intend to carry on in the Christmas holidays announces that he has been promised the cutting of 220 cords of wood. This is distributed as follows: Rockingham County, 54 cords; Grafton County, 50 cords; Merrimack County, 41 cords; Strafford County, 22 cords; Carroll County, 14 cords; Sullivan County, 10 cords; and from towns outside the state, 26 cords.

More than this will eventually be cut, in all probability, as a good many of the counties have not yet reported.

Professor Woodward is hopeful that at least 300 cords will be cut by students in the holiday period.

The members of the faculty are also promising to cut wood and, in fact, the first group went out and began this morning, cutting several cords. The party included C. E. Hewitt, R. D. Porter, V. A. Suydam, C. Moran, and A. D. Littlehale.

The student organization is now completed and each county has a chairman and each town a foreman.

The counties and the men in charge in them are as follows:—Rockingham, C. B. Wadleigh, Newton; Hillsboro, L. B. Hoffman, Manchester; Cheshire, A. B. White, Peterboro; Sullivan, K. D. Blood, Claremont; Merrimack, J. A. Dodge, Contoocook; Strafford, C. C. Dustin, Rochester Belknap, H. P. Felker, Meredith; Grafton, Maurice Benson, Lebanon; Carroll, Howard Willand, East Wolfeboro; Coos, W. C. Wheeler, Starrking, R. P. Meyers, Salem, Mass., is in charge of the out of the state towns.

TO SUCCEED FLYNN IN SECRET SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 30.—W. H. Moran, assistant chief of the United States Secret Service for the past 10 years, will become chief Jan. 1 to succeed William J. Flynn, resigned. His appointment was announced tonight by Sec. McAdoo.

Mr. Moran entered the Secret Service 35 years ago as an operative and has experience in all branches of the work. He was largely responsible for detection of the noted counterfeit of the $100 Monroe Reid silver certificate in 1897, the result of which was the withdrawal of the entire issue, and the discovery of an extensive counterfeiting plot. Mr. Moran had charge of many famous Secret Service investigations, including the cotton leak case.

WASSER—WINSLOW

The wedding of Miss Anna Genevieve Winslow, daughter of Mr. Charles T. Winslow, and Mr. Frank Wasser, both of this city, was solemnized at 6.30 Saturday evening at the St. John's church. Rev. Fr. Partridge, a former rector, assisted by Rev. Nelson Kellogg, performed the ceremony. The were unattended, the bride being given in marriage by her father.

The bride was gowned in white satin with beaded trimmings and wore a tulle veil caught with orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of white orchides roses and lillies of the valley.

A reception followed at the home of the bride at 86 Islington street and there were about forty of the immediate family present. The ushers were Dr. Haven Paul and Mr. Harry K. Torrey.

A wedding supper of salads, ices and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wasser left in the evening on a wedding trip to New York state and upon their return they will reside on Islington street.

The bride is a popular young lady of this city and the groom is a master machinist at the navy yard.

Among the out of town guests were Dr. Everett Flood of Palmer, Mass., Superintendent of the state hospital, and his son Everett, and Mrs. Roland Willey and daughter of Haverhill.

TO TRAIN SHIPBUILDERS

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 30.—Schools for the training of ship builders to meet the government demand for ship construction, has been ordered here to be held in the school buildings.

ZEPPELIN DROPS INTO NORTH SEA

London, Dec. 29.—A Zeppelin and a seaplane which was accompanying it dropped into the North Sea yesterday, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen. The Zeppelin is said to have burst into flames as it fell.

OBSEQUIES

William Stobart

The remains of William Stobart who passed away at Quincy, Mass., were brought to this city Saturday afternoon on the 2.30 train and interred in the family lot in Calvary cemetery.

Elmer E. Hall

Elmer E. Hall of Kittery Depot died at his home Sunday morning of heart disease. Mr. Hall was born Aug. 8th, 1861, in Plaistow, N. H., the son of Samuel A. and Rhoda C. (Greenleaf) Hall. He later lived in Haverhill, Mass., and 13 years ago moved to Kittery where he has since been crossing watchman at Butler's Crossing. A widow, Addie M. (Ward) survives him, also five brothers, Henry A. of Plaistow, Howard W. of Merrimac, Walter F. of Eliot, Karl M. with the U. S. Army "Somewhere in France" and Ernest G. of Portsmouth, and one sister, Mary E. Kidder of Kingston, N. H. Hall was a member of Riverside Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Kittery, also of the Union of Station Employees of the Boston and Maine R. R.

NEW OFFICERS HEAD DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Concord, N. H., Dec. 30.—It is announced that Chairman George E. Farrand, Sec. Robert C. Murchie and Treas. Charles E. Tilton of the Democratic State Committee have resigned and the executive committee has appointed Dr. Alpha H. Harriman of Laconia chairman, City Solicitor Alexander Murchie of Concord in his brother's place as secretary and Thomas F. Dwyer of Laconia as treasurer.

Mr. Farrand, the retiring chairman, is acting postmaster of Concord and Robert Murchie and Mr. Tilton are officers in the National Army.

Important Ford Notice

On and after the 1st of January, 1918, we shall receive no more Ford Cars for stock delivery. This means that after we sell the cars we now have in stock and two carloads that are on route that we shall have to return to the system of taking orders for cars and then delivering them as fast as the Ford Motor Co. can supply us. This system does not protect the purchaser from an increase in price. The details of this system are as follows: Upon deposit of $25 we enter your order for one Ford car subject to delivery as soon as conditions will permit. When car arives the buyer will pay balance of price within three days of notification of arrival of car. If price of car increases after purchaser has entered his order for car he has the right to refuse the delivery of car and deposit returned. This system becomes necessary with the shortage of cars and the delays in transportation. To avoid inconvenience and delay we suggest the immediate purchase of Ford cars as long as they last and then as a second resort get your order on file for delivery as soon as possible. We now have Touring Cars, Runabouts, Chassis, and One-Ton Trucks in stock.

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RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP 20,000,000

New York, Dec. 30.—Success has crowned the Red Cross campaign for new members throughout the Nation with an enrollment of more than 20,000,000, as announced officially Saturday night. Manhatton, so far behind its quota, 24 hours ago, went "over the top," enrolling more than its full allotment of 500,000 and taking at least a respectable place on the Red Cross map.

The Red Cross started to recruit 10,000,000 new members, a goal that many leaders regarded as dangerously high. Of the "more than 20,000,000 enrollments 5,000,000 are old members reenlisted and 15,000,000 are new recruits."

First honors go to the Southwest—Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas—which reports 3,250,000 new members.

To the Central Division—Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska—go the second honors, with 2,750,000 new enrollments.

Close up in third place is the Lake Division—Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky—with a total of 2,200,000. Pennsylvania and Delaware, forming one division, are fourth with 1,450,000. New England comes next with 1,200,000, the others trailing as follows: Northwestern, 539,535; Northern, 388,000; Pacific, 500,000; Potomac, 250,000, and Southern, 250,000.

All the above figures are new membership totals and take no account of reenrollment.

New York's place on the list is not definitely fixed. Together with New Jersey and Connecticut it forms the Red Cross Atlantic Division, to which was given a quota of 2,750,000, to include both new memberships and reenlistments. This the division leaders themselves raised to 3,000,000.

When the drive closed tonight the reported total of New York and the two other states stood at 2,850,000 beating the original quota by 100,000. Twenty New York chapters have not reported, nor have other important agencies. It is regarded certain that the final figures will put New York in excess of her own quota, with at least 1,600,000 new memberships. As for Manhattan, nothing is definite beyond the fact that the borough has surely reached its allotment of 600,000 and probably did much better.

DRYDEN ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

The "Masked Marvel" who last year created quite an impression in wrestling circles in the east, has again showed up and under the management of Jim Poulis he has challenged Bill Dryden of this city to a match. Poulis, of course, knows Bill, having been defeated by him several times, but he thinks that the "Masked" grappler can give Bill the count.

No date has been set for the match, but in the meanwhile Dryden is to do some active training and get in condition and at the time speed up his work. He will probably either go down and train with Cyclone Burns or have Burns come up here for a short time to put the finishing touches on. The local boys saw in Dryden's last two matches that while he was in good condition, he lacked his old speed and this is only a matter of training with fast men.

CAMP DEVENS SUFFERS WITH COLD

(By Associated Press)

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 30.—Camp Devens thermometer in front of the Quartermaster Depot today registered 34 below zero. Numerous cases of frost bite were treated at the hospital and officers claimed that there is a great need of more knitted articles especially helmets and wristers.

WANT $35,000,000 FOR HOUSES FOR SHIPBUILDERS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 30—$35,000,000 to provide housing facilities for ship yard workers, was in a memorandum sent to the House committee today by the Shipping Board.

HOME FOOD PROBLEMS IN FOUR-PAGE NUTSHELLS

Washington, D. C. Dec. 30—Uncle Sam's food advice to his people at war condensed in four page "United States Food Leaflets," and aimed to stimulate food saving without slighting bodily needs, are now ready. Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture and Food Administration and with the aid of state representatives, the leaflets carry the country's expert thought on food conservation and utilization translated into popular language. For the mother who may may be confused with much advice about her war obligation, as well as for the food conservation worker, the message of the leaflets should be most helpful.

Beginning with the day's first meal, the experts take up the daily food problems of the average home. "Start the day right with a good breakfast" is food booklet No. 1. Then follow others now ready: "Do Not Know Corn Meal?" "A Whole Dinner in One Dish," "Choose Your Food Wisely," "Make a Little Meat Go a Long Way," "Do You Know Oat Meal?" "Food for Your Children." More will follow.

In four-page nutshells and in big, readable type, the problems of foods and diets are presented in a way that should make them strike home—every home in America.

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TELEPHONE OPERATORS WIN DEMANDS

(By Associated Press)

Boston, Dec. 30.—The threatened strike of the telephone operators of this city and vicinity, was averted today when the company agreed to the terms of the operators for an increase in pay.

CHILDREN DID WELL

The mite box collections in the schools for the Children's Armenian Relief, which were opened before Christmas, netted the sum of $118.81 which was forwarded by Supt. Pringle. The greater part is from the children in the lower grades

GERMANS MUST REGISTER

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 30.—The week of Feb. 4 has been set by the Department of Justice for the half a million unnaturalized Germans to register.

WAR RISK INSURANCE FOR LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

The Treasury Department has advised Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce that the personnel of the Lighthouse Service transferred to the service and jurisdiction of the War and Navy Departments by Executive Order are within the terms of the war risk insurance act of October 6, 1917.

This decision was rendered by the Bureau of War-Risk Insurance, after submitting the matte, for the views of the Judge Advocate General of the War Department, and will apply to over 1,100 officers and employees of the Lighthouse Service who have been transferred to the service of the War and Navy Departments by the President's order.

CREDIT DUE SUPT. HODGDON

Speaking of the foresight of city officials, Supt. of Public Works Wm. A. Hodgdon is entitled to much credit for the fact that the Board of Public Works has sufficient supply of coal in the present fuel crisis.

It occurred to Mr. Hodgdon early last spring that a coal shortage would follow, and so secured a big supply at a reasonable price which he had shipped to Portsmouth, and as a result there is sufficient coal at the City Pumping Station and in other departments of the Public Works, to last for some time to come.

DOVER HAS A CITY SERVICE FLAG.

Dover on Sunday with special exercises unfurled a service flag for the boys from that city who are in active service in the army and navy, and the flag contained 330 stars.

Owing to the weather the exercises were held in the Dover opera house Sunday afternoon and the Home Guard, Capt. Wyatt of this city, commanding, attended. The exercises consisted of addresses and a musical program.

CARD OF THANKS

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BOOTLEGGERS GET JAIL SENTENCES

Federal Judge Chatfield in Brooklyn, N. Y., sentenced Saturday, ten bootleggers who sold whisky to sailors in that borough. Martin Reilly, 30, of No. 23 Myrtle avenue, a second offender, got four months. Louis Stever of No. 1215 Reid Avenue and Joseph McDermott, got three months. The rest were sentenced to 60 days each.

William Lohmer, 31, of No. 16 Shepherd avenue, was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse for wearing the coat and hat of a sailor.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE AT SHIP BUILDING PLANT

(By Associated Press)

Newark, N. J., Dec. 30.—A mysterious fire today destroyed the office building and a warehouse of the Post and McChord contractors at the Federal Ship Building plant. The two buildings were burned to the ground. They were used to house the engineering force, draftsmen and other engineers. Information was refused at the plant and everybody were driven from the grounds.

ARGENTINE TRANSPORT ASHORE

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 30.—An Argentine transport, understood to have on board the members of the Commission to this country, was driven ashore off the coast and now lies high and dry on the beach. All of the members of the crew and passengers were taken off safely in breeches buoys.

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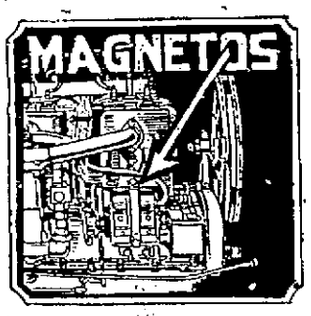

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GERMANS ATTACK AT YPRES

(By Associated Press)

The Germans Saturday after several days of heavy artillery preparation, made an attack upon the British positions at Ypres, and the fighting was the heaviest for some time, but the attack was repulsed with heavy casualties.

Aside from bombardments there has been little fighting on the major front. In France the cold and heavy snow has made any extended movement impossible.

On the Italian front there has been no infantry activities but the heavy guns have been very busy.

The British forces under General Allenby in the Palestine have continued their victorious march against the Turks and especially north and northwest of Jerusalem where they have occupied Birch about twelve miles north. The Turks here put up stubborn resistance.

KILL SIX MEXICAN BANDITS

(By Associated Press)

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 30.—At least six Mexican bandits were killed today in a fight between a band of bandits and U. S. troops and Texas Rangers near San Jose, opposite Indo ranch, twenty miles south of Eagle Pass. The Americans on a hot train crossed the border after a band of bandits who have been raiding the Indo ranch for some time, it being estimated that over a thousand head of cattle were driven across into Mexico.

KEEP THE MARKET HUNTER OUT OF OUR GAME COVERS

The following appeal, addressed to all lovers of wild life, has just been issued by John B. Burnham, president of the American Game Protective association of New York city, the sportsmen's National organization, requesting their united opposition to proposals that have been made of late to modify or suspend the laws designed to protect game on the plea that the plea that the food situation demands such action.

"An insidious propaganda, engineered by those who hope to profit by it, has been in existence in this country for som etime now, designed to open the game covers of the nation to the market hunter under the plea that the war necessitates letting down the bars on game to replenish the food supply.

"While some respectable people have been led under a misapprehension of the facts into espousing this movement, it derives its major impetus from the commercial dealers in game allied with many large hotels, who long for a return of the good old days when they catered to the appetite of the epicure with game furnished by dealers who maintained an army of shooters from coast to coast.

"American game tottered on the very brink of extinction when sportsmen and other lovers of wild life arose in their might and demanded and secured the passage of laws forbidding its sale.

"The false logic employed to bolster a shameless propaganda which has not hesitated to use the sacred cause of patriotism as a shield is revealed in a recent editorial expression of the Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky.

"'To suspend the fish and game laws' says the publication would be like deciding to kill all the hogs and cattle at once to avert starvation before feeling the pangs of hunger, thus insuring shortage at a later period when hunger might be felt.'

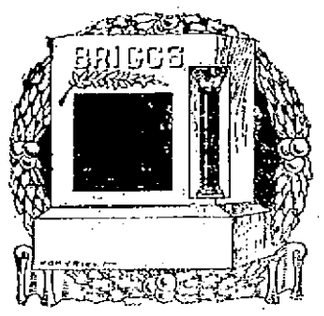
"The writer insists that there should be a rigid continuance of the conservation of fish and game' and cites the indisputable fact that 'the laws do not prevent the use of any sort of fish or game which is in existence in sufficient supply to be useful.' Moreover, it is declared that existing laws are designed to protect the source of supply and permit the use of the supply.

"The article in question agrees with this association that sinister influences are behind the proposals that have been made. It closes with these words, which should be taken to heart by all interested in the saving of wild life:

"A legislator wishing to make capital upon one hand as a patriot, and upon the other as an advocate of 'the people' whom he could represent as being hard pressed for food, could make a facile speech demanding the abolition or suspension of fish and game laws. Short sighted persons would commend him and endorse the repeal of the protective laws for the period of the war. Thae conservationists, if they would defeat a much misguided response to an insincere effort to get the protective laws suspended, should be up and doing in every state. By vigilance only can they avert what would be the undoing, needless, of all this has been done during the last 25 years to prevent the extermination of game.

"Conservationists, organized and unorganized should address at once those having to do with the enactment and enforcement of protective laws voicing their sentiments.

"We have yet to hear of a single individual connected with the conservation movement who approves relaxation of the wild life protective laws."



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ALL POOLED INTO ONE BIG RAILROAD

Washington, Dec. 30.—The final step in effecting the complete unification of all railroad lines as a great national system of transportation was taken last night by William G. McAdoo, director-general of railroads. In an order in which he asserted that the national need must be held paramount to any actual or supposed corporate advantage, he directed that all terminals, ports, locomotives, rolling stock and other transportation facilities must hereafter be utilized in the common cause of serving the country.

This order was addressed to the railroad executives and employes, who were called upon to co-operate.

Two Assistants Named.

In a supplemental statement, Mr. McAdoo announced the selection of Walker D. Hines of New York, chairman of the Santa Fe, as assistant pro tempore to the government's director-general. Alfred H. Smith, president of the New York Central, also was named as an assistant in charge of transportation in the eastern and northern districts.

The further specific announcement was made by Mr. McAdoo that immediate action must be taken to end congestion of traffic in the great railroad terminals in New York city and Chicago, as that situation has proved one of the most embarrassing to the railroads. All lines entering these centres or contributing to the traffic into them will hereafter as part of the national system, have equal rights to the use of any trackage or water terminal facilities.

Passenger as well as freight traffic is included in the plan to be put in operation at once, thus wiping out the identity of the great Pennsylvania terminal station in New York and placing at the disposal of all railroads, which have in the past appeared as competing lines, the use of the Pennsylvania tubes under the Hudson river, built at a tremendous expense by private capital.

The terse order of Mr. McAdoo came with no little abruptness as the answer to railroad executives who have been wondering how quickly he would act and how far he would reach in his initial efforts to bring about a common use of all carriers.

"BEST ENDING" CONTEST ANNOUNCED IN "THE MYSTERY SHIP".

$1,000 in Liberty Bonds, War Certificates and Thrift Stamps to Boys and Girls of 15 Years of Age or Under, who can Supply the Best and Most Logical Ending to "The Mystery Ship" Serial.

Boys and girls, here is a chance to make a hundred dollars, and make it more easily and more pleasantly than you ever made a like amount in all your lives. The Universal Film Manufacturing Company discovered, when it read the end of "The Mystery Ship", the great Universal serial which stars the noted trio of artists, Ben Wilson, Neva Gerber and Kingsley Benedict, that at the end of the seventeenth episode, the ending was just as much of a mystery as it was at the end of the first. It was suggested that here was an opportunity for millions of people who are sure to become absorbed in the unravelling of "The Mystery Ship" serial, to exercise their dramatic ability and suggest an ending of their own.

In all, a thousand dollars is to be given to the lucky winners of the contest, and 388 awards are to be distributed, for some of the prizes are as low as two dollars. The first prize is a hundred-dollar Liberty Bond, the second a fifty dollar one, the third twenty dollars made up of four five-dollar war certificates, and the others range down to two-dollar war certificates or thrift stamps, the new form of bond which the United States government is issuing to enable those who have very small amounts to invest to help the government, and save their money besides. As an added incentive for the contestants the photographs of one of the stars, whichever one he or she wants, will be mailed to every person sending in an answer, whether they receive an award or not.

DON'T FRET ABOUT TRIFLES

Magnifying Petty Mistakes and Troubles Weakens One's Ability to Master Bigger Problems.

Some of us rather overdriven women get into a habit of magnifying the petty mistakes or troubles of disagreeable events of the day, the business day, and making them out very big and terrible. The result is a loss of energy, for magnified troubles bring worry and anxiety, which is a sort of poison to the mind and even to the body, writes Jessie Roberts in the Houston Post.

Don't hang on to the mistakes of yesterday. Today's will be easier to manage if you haven't that drag on you, and by a little more firmness you can soon get to the point when the annoyance of the moment gets itself settled in that moment and then is dropped.

We would think it a fool thing to feed our body poison, even in the minutest particles; but we feed our nerves poison, even though it be in small quantities, when we deliberately fret and worry over small things, making them huge and important by the mere turning of them over and over.

These are strenuous days. Don't weaken your strength by unnecessary and harmful fussing over trifles. After you have done whatever can be done to remedy what has gone wrong, turn your mind away from it. Refuse to be dominated by small mistakes. Few of us, by the way, are terrified by a really big thing. We rouse up and meet it definitely and firmly, unless we have a yellow streak. But the small thing often breaks down our nerves—and then our nerve.

TORPEDOES ON FOUR WHEELS

Explosive Propelled Toward Enemy Trenches and Controlled by Means of Wires Attached to Works.

La Domenica Del Corriere, Italy, reports a new war device, the invention of an English engineer, Strafford Talbot. Literally, it is a torpedo on wheels which may be propelled toward the enemy trenches and controlled from the starting point by means of attached wires.

The explosive is mounted on a metallic box which rides on four wheels. Attached to the box is a contrivance consisting of a dynamo which propels the wheels. The entire machine is electrically controlled, permitting the explosion of the charge at the desired moment.

Two parallel wires connect the torpedo with the control station. These are carried on spools and unwind as the machine advances. The power is derived from accumulating batteries at the starting point. When it is desired to fire the charge all that is required is to push a button. According to the inventor the total cost of this contrivance is about $150.

What He Wants for "Plain Food."

Do you know this man, have you ever heard of him—the man who likes plain food? His tastes are of the simplest; a little clear soup yourself, clear consommo the color of pale sherry: Take a knuckle of veal and four pounds of lean beef . . . goes the sympathetic recipe. (Notice, you "take," you don't "buy.") "Fry, to a tender brown, carrots, onions," etc. So goes on this tender, delectable process until you finally "clarify." The time the cook spends upon the simmering, the frying, the clarifying, and the straining is not of course taken into account. "The man who likes plain food enjoys roasts of meat, joints and ribroasts."—Exchange.

Chemistry Recognized Science.

Chemistry has been accorded an almost formal recognition as the science at the heart of modern warfare. The British ministry of reconstruction has pointed out that Germany selected the chemical industry for especial nurture in making its war preparations, especially that part of the industry dealing with coal tar derivatives, in which field the imperial government gradually won a temporary world monopoly. The minister of reconstruction has appointed a committee of six chemists to investigate the situation in England and to recommend a plan for making the British chemical industry self-sustaining and equal to any call upon it during and after the war.

Von Hindenburg a "Junker."

"Junker" is philologically akin to "Jonkheer" and has a quasi-equivalent in the English "Squire." The Junker is a man of some birth and of inherited property, especially land, says an exchange. The word is used to describe that large class of Prussians who come of noble, semnoble or at least old and "good" families and whose worldly possessions are such as to give them as appreciable stake in the government. Von Hindenburg is a fine example of the Junker; Ludendorff, his collaborator, is not a Junker by birth, however much a one he may be by taste.

Capital Punishment.

Capital punishment prevails in all the states of the Union except Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Washington and Wisconsin. In Michigan the only crime punishable by death is treason. The death penalty was abolished in the state of Washington in 1913, in Iowa in 1872 and restored in 1878, in Colorado in 1897 and restored in 1901. Hanging is the ordinary mode of execution, but in Indiana, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Vermont and Virginia electrocution is the legal method. In Nevada hanging or shooting is optional with the condemned person.

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TO LET—A large, furnished front room near the Rockingham hotel, suitable for two gentlemen. Address "S," this office. he 1w, d18.

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ROOMS with or without board on line of trolley; can accommodate fourteen people. Phone 1089-J. n5, tf

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FOR SALE—Corner lot on West street. Apply to M. E. Morrissey, 31 West street. he o8, 1m

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FOR SALE—Small dwelling, newly shingled; acre and half land, hen house, with 20 hens; barn with winter supply of hay; horse and cow; fruit trees of all kinds; winter supply of wood; new well and water in the house. Apply Charles H. Miller, Durgin Lane. he n 27 tf.

LOST

LOST—Christmas night at Peirce hall, a gentleman's left hand, gray, unlined kid glove. Finder return to this office and receive reward. h d28, 2t

LOST—Saturday night on Congress street, a 1916 Daily Diary, chauffeur's license and two meal tickets. Return to Chick's restaurant and receive reward. he 1w d 18.

LOST—Saturday, Dec. 15, a red telescope bag; finder will be rewarded if same is returned to Yeaton's Grain Store, Market street. he d26, 3t

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FOUND—Pocket book containing money; owner can have same by paying for the ad. and proving property. Apply 435 Broad street. he d27, 3t

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WARD FIVE BALLOTS ARE INSPECTED

Cox-Dickey Recount Will Be Held at a Later Date.

An inspection of the ballots for councilman in Ward 5, cast at the city election on December 11 for Frank T. Cox, Democrat, and Ralph C. Dickey, Republican, took place at the city hall today. Attorney Joseph D. Sullivan represented Cox. Judge E. L. Guptill looked after the interests of Dickey. At the election, Cox had 100 and Dickey 101. Cox requested a recount which will be held at a later date. During the inspection City Clerk McDonough presided and City Auditor Palmer acted as teller. During the inspection it is understood that one vote was credited and that Cox's figures were cut to 99. However, this will not be finally known until the official recount takes place.

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A personal friend of Dr. Haney recently accepted an invitation from that learned friend to go with him on a tour of inspection through the art department of the Washington Irving High School at Irving Place. It was a most interesting experience. Hundreds of children were being taught lessons in design and color that will mean everything to them in later life when it comes to furnishing their own homes. Among other things they were being taught that right furnishing is not so much a matter of expense as it is a matter of right thinking.

This is a lesson we all should learn, young and old, in school, out of school, anywhere; all the world's a school and observation and experience are our best teachers.

We want to furnish our homes correctly, an inherent taste would often make us furnish them correctly, if only the things were before us from which to choose.

Margeson Brothers' is an institution where you can find furniture that is correct, furniture that is refined, furniture that is moderate in price, furniture that you can take into your home and make a part of the family.

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TWENTY-TWO BELOW ZERO SUNDAY

Coldest December Morning on Record---Below Zero, Entire Twenty-Four Hours---No Break in the Spell Until Tuesday.

Twenty-two below zero at seven o'clock Sunday morning places Dec. 30th, 1917, in a class by itself in the weather annals. It was not only twenty-two below in one place, but several, and most everybody who has a thermometer, in no matter how sheltered a place, can testify to at least eighteen below and some even exceed the twenties.

It was undoubtedly one of the coldest morning in this vicinity for the past fifteen years. In 1902 there was a day that twenty was registered but that was in February. The temperature according to those who keep tract of such things, remained lower for the entire day than even the previous record, that is at noon it was but ten below zero and while it moderated during the afternoon and got up to four below, it never went over the zero mark for the past twenty-four hours.

The cold spell does not seem to abate at all, for at midnight last night it was ten below zero on Market square which means several degrees colder in other parts of the city. The weather bureau do not hold out any signs of relief before Tuesday.

Sunday was no kind of a day to Hooverize on the coal pile and the way it went up in smoke made the ordinary coal pen look sad.

There were a great many freeze-ups and plumbers were called out early in the morning and there was more demands than could be attended to. As far as known there were no cases of real suffering, at least none reported to the police, although in some parts of the city where coal is purchased in small quantities, it was hard work to keep warm.

The cold spell extends all over the east and in the big cities there has been a great deal of suffering.

The railroads were hard hit by the weather for to make steam with twenty below zero was somewhat of a job and practically all trains were off their schedule.

The telephone company was also bothered by the weather, the toll lines in many cases being out of order, as extreme cold causes the copper wire to snap.

COWLES CASE TO BE HEARD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Opened This Afternoon at the Court; Mother and Children Present; Father Will Not Attend.

The hearing in the Cowles case in which Mrs. Florence J. Cowles seeks to obtain absolute custody of her two children opened in the court house this afternoon behind closed doors. On agreement between counsel owing to the nature of the case, Judge Allen announced that the hearing would be private and that no one other than those directly connected with the case would be allowed to attend the hearing.

Mrs. Cowles and two children were present, but the father will not be in attendance during the trial. He is at present in New York.

Attorneys Joseph D. Bartlett of Boston, Dwight Hall of Dover and James W. Remick of Concord represent Mrs. Cowles and her parents. Attorney S. W. Emery of this city, Nathaniel Martin of Concord, William C. Henley of Williamsburg, Va., represent Dr. Cowles.

Only a few spectators were present when the court declared the hearing private.

THE HERALD HEARS

That the cold spell has done a lot of damage in this city.

That the Boston and Maine cut down the tonnage on all freights on Sunday in order that the locomotives could get trains to destinations.

That Dover had three alarms of fire on Saturday.

That one can judge how the railway mail service is progressing when Washington papers are ten days or more getting to this city.

That one local fire company had nothing to be ashamed of in the fire fighting job at the Y. M. C. A. today.

That we do not need any official order for an eggless day—the prices are attending to that.

That the Cowles case opened before Judge Allen at two o'clock this afternoon.

That the need of more modern ladders for the fire department was made plain at the Congress street fire today.

That the Boston and Maine switching crews worked on Sunday in the local railroad yard.

That the water wagon is ready for the initial trip.

MUST KEEP THEIR HORSES COVERED

Police Out After the Man Who Neglects His Horse in Cold Weather.

The police are looking after the man who does not blanket his horse and the patrolmen have been instructed to see that the orders are carried out in every case. This is not a new order but Chief Hurley insists that the animals be cared for in this respect. In every case the patrolmen are instructed to look up the owner and if he cannot be found, to attend to the horse, the animal will be taken to a stable and cared for at the expense of the owner. Should he insist on leaving his horse without covering he will be liable to face the court.

The police cannot be too strict in this matter, especially during such a cold spell as the last few days. The man who thinks anything of a horse will never give the police an opportunity to call on him to protect his horse.

EIGHTY-ONE WANT TO BE DIVORCED

Largest Number in Many Years to Ask Separation in York County Court.

The January term of superior court which opens at Saco on Wednesday will have plenty to do on divorce cases if nothing more. Up to date the docket contains 81 cases for divorce proceedings, the largest number for many years.

NOTICE!

Families of Enlisted Men.

Under the act of Congress, which requires a man in the Army or Navy to give part of his pay to his wife or children, or other dependents, there has been provided a Federal aid, which gives to the enlisted man's family or dependent an allowance while he is in the service. Other near relatives have a right to receive money from the government if they have been dependent on the man enlisted.

The Portsmouth Chapter of the Red Cross, through the Civilian Relief Committee, will have all the information and blanks at the office of the Organized Charities in the Court House on State street, with office hours from 10 to 12 o'clock daily. Here all the necessary information and assistance, free of charge, may be obtained. Married women are requested to bring a certified copy of their marriage certificate and in case of children a certified copy of their birth if possible.

All persons affected by the above conditions who desire federal aid are requested to make application at once.

F. M. SISE,
Chairman Civilian Relief.

h d29, tf

NOTICE

The officers of Union Rebekah Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., will be installed on Tuesday evening, January 1. Sojourning Rebekahs welcome. Members are asked to bring cake or cookies.

Per order,
S. Avis Varrell, Noble Grand.
Lizzie H. Anderson, Secretary

NOTES OF THE FIRE.

The Chemical Company were the first notified of the fire by phone by the man on duty at the Y. M. C. A.

The building was without ordinary hand fire apparatus.

The gods were kind that this fire did not occur when the building was crowded with men.

The police were early on the scene.

GILBERT-CARROWAY

Married by Rev. John L. Davis, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Cynthia Grant, 13 Hanover street, Crawford J. Gilbert and Ada Carroway.

FIND EPPING MAN FROZEN TO DEATH IN HIS BARN

Suffered a Shock and Died During the Night.

Charles W. Chesley of Epping, one of the best known citizens of that town was found dead in his barn on Sunday morning. He was in Haverhill on Saturday and on his return home suffered an apoplectic shock, and being unable to summon aid, froze to death during the night. Mr. Chesley was 45 years of age and carried on an undertaking business.

Dr. George E. Pender, medical referee was summoned and an inquest was held today.

LOCAL DASHES

No police court today.

The coal man gets no rest.

Keep a blanket on your horse.

How did it strike you this morning?

Watch out and be careful with your fires.

Winter is certainly here with a vengence.

Kohler trucks. C. E. Woods, Bow street.

Fish of all kinds at Clark's Branch. Tel. 133.

Who said they wanted an old fashioned winter?

The plumber has been the man on the job today.

Oil and gas stoves were never in more demand.

The new city government takes the reins tomorrow.

Portsmouth will get another taste of the Cowles case.

The alarm at six o'clock failed to induce many to leave their beds.

Upholsterers of antique and modern furniture. Hair mattresses renovated. Margeson Bros., Tel. 570.

Sheehan's Dancing School, Monday evening, Pythian hall. Private lessons by appointment.

Wouldn't it be a good joke if Judge Allen should order the parties to the Cowles suit to fight it out in Massachusetts.

There is some hopes for a cold spell like this in February, it is near the end of the winter, but when it starts in December, well, there are January and February ahead.

Lobsters and fresh fish of all kinds caught by our own boats, fresh every day. E. Jameson & Sons. Tel. 245.

Boston Harbor is getting a bad freeze while this river and harbor as usual is free of ice. Great Bay is well frozen over and the smelt fishermen will have several inches to cut through.

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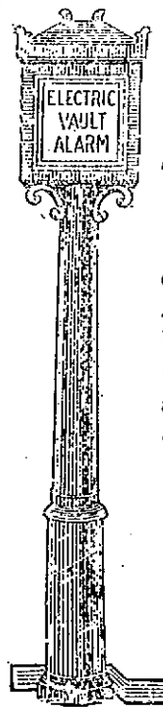

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